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Organization faces $3.5 million debt

B'nai Brith cuts youth funds

By
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TORONTO —

Both B'nai Brith Youth Organization (BBYO) and Hillel, the on-campus group for Jewish university students, are facing suspensions in funding from B'nai Brith Canada due to austerity measures and cutbacks, The CJN has learned.

Although BBC's 1991 budget has not been finalized yet, over $1 million in cuts are forseen for this year, BBC president Marilyn Wainberg told The CJN.

The organization faces a $3.5 million debt, much of that in mortgages, and the cuts to BBYO and Hillel are necessary, Wainberg said.

Last year, BBYO, the largest Jewish youth group in the world, with some 1,600 members throughout Canada, received about $400,000 from BBC.

Measures "not permanent"

Wainberg said BBYO will have to mount its own fund-raising campaign this year.

"There will be a ceasing of funds if not enough dollars are raised by parents, members and boards by the end of January," she said.

Letters of termination were sent late last month to the four BBYO staff members in Toronto, Montreal and Winnipeg. Some of the letters state that positions will be reviewed should the fund-raising drive prove successful. Others say that jobs are being terminated outright "in light of fiscal restraints" and the directing of funds to Operation Exodus.

The Ontario region of BBYO has been told to raise $100,000 by Jan. 28, while the Quebec region must come up with $50,000 by the same date.

The problem is that BBYO has no tradition of large-scale fund raising and no mechanisms in place for it, a source told The CJN.

But Wainberg stressed that the cuts are temporary and that BBYO is not on the chopping block.

"BBYO and Hillel will survive. We're not the only ones having financial difficulties. We've just had to retrench, like everyone else."

BBC stopped funding Hillel altogether last month, but Hillel, said Wainberg, has always received much of its funding from local federations.

Its percentage of funding from BBC varied greatly across Canada, she added.

Rabbi Moishe Silverman, executive director of B'nai Brith Hillel/Jewish Students' Union at the University of Toronto, said BBC cut funding to the organization by over $30,000 last year.

Further cuts in funding "is something young people will remember."

Rabbi Silverman said the 1,000 or so Jewish students affiliated with Hillel/JSU are concerned about rumors that their Spadina Avenue building, may be sold in order to raise cash for BBC.

But Wainberg said the building has not been put on the market, and there are no immediate plans to do so.

She said Hillel should look toward affiliating more closely with federations.

Indeed, according to Toronto Jewish Congress, there will be talks between it and Hillel in the new year to discuss the possibility of new funding partnerships.

TJC's Jack Ajzenberg told The CJN that Hillel/JSU received $100,000 from Toronto Jewish Congress in 1990, while the Jewish Student Federation at York University got about $120,000.

TJC's possible funding of BBYO is still "very much an open question," Ajzenberg said.

SETTLERS PROTEST ARENS

Many Jewish settlers have criticized Defence Minister Moshe Arens concerning the role of the army in the territories. They do not feel the army is doing enough to free the individual soldiers from the threat of punishment if they respond forcefully to provocation from Arab rioters. Settlers from Eilon Moreh have been demonstrating outside the Defence Ministry. The poster reads "Free the IDF of its shackles." [IPPA photo]

Jewish groups believe Israel being squeezed

JERUSALEM (JPFS) —

There is growing concern both in Washington and among American Jewish groups that elements in the Bush administration have been attempting to "squeeze" the Shamir government by impeding or delaying the implementation of issues already agreed upon, according to American sources.

While administration officials called Prime Minister Yitzhak Shamir's meetings in the United States a success, several items are being blocked despite Congressional approval. American Jews, key domestic supporters of President George Bush's Gulf policy, are frustrated by the fact that movement is stalled on a variety of bilateral matters.

However, all the delays are shrouded in explanations of "technicalities," the sources said. With the issues not being explicitly termed political, the tactic has served to limit any public Israeli response. Israel also feels constrained to publicly confront the administration while international attention is focused on the Gulf.

Some of the bilateral issues being held up are:

— Weaponry worth $700 million. In the budget approved by Congress and signed by Bush this fall, Israel was scheduled to receive $700 million in surplus U.S. weapons, primarily from European stockpiles. The transfer has been blocked, ostensibly because of opposition from U.S. military commanders in the Gulf.

— Two Patriot anti-missile missile batteries. Secretary of Defence Dick Cheney recently informed Shamir that Israel would not be receiving the advanced model of the Patriot as promised. The administration has also added a $40 million surcharge as a precondition to Israel's receiving the less-advanced Patriot, despite pledges it would be a grant.

— Housing loan guarantees. Secretary of State James Baker did not authorize $400 million in U.S.-backed housing loan guarantees for the absorption of Soviet immigrants until six months after Congress had approved them, due to his wish to link them to an Israeli pledge that no Soviet Jews would be settled over the Green Line. The guarantees have not yet been implemented. A technical delegation from the Agency for International Development recently returned from Israel, and there is still more red tape to untangle before the bureaucracy begins processing them.

The delay has led one well-placed Israeli official to remark that this administration "will spill our guts" before we get more guarantees. While Israel has said it needs "billions" in U.S. guarantees to deal with the avalanche of Soviet Jewish immigration, it is known that Shamir, during his trip to Washington, received no firm commitment from Bush for added assistance.

— Technology export licences. Some licences that Israeli firms have received in the past are suddenly being withheld, Washington sources say. It remains unclear if there is a crackdown on Israel, or a tightening of licenses to other countries as well. Senior Pentagon officials have promised to look into the matter.

American sources were surprised that during their meeting, Baker warned Shamir about exporting technology to South Africa, although there have been no new reports of recent Israeli technology transfers to Pretoria.

Early to press ...

Due to the holiday season this issue of The CJN went to press Dec. 27. Coverage of late-breaking stories will be carried in the issue of Jan. 10.

PRAYERS ANSWERED

Heavy rain in the north has finally brought a taste of winter, breaking nearly two months of drought. The wet weather answered the prayers of this woman and brought a welcome relief to farmers and to Israel's national water company which had faced the daunting task of meeting requirements from dwindling water resources. [RNS Photo/Reuters]

Travel advisory includes Israel

By
PAUL LUNGEN

OTTAWA —

External Affairs has issued a travel advisory for Canadians contemplating trips to the Middle East, including Israel.

The advisory, issued Dec. 21, applies to Israel and "the Israeli-occupied territories," Syria, Egypt, Iran, the United Arab Emirates, western Saudi Arabia, Oman and Yemen.

It suggests that "Canadians resident in or contemplating travel to this region should be alert to the possibility of unrest including risk to foreigners in relation to developments in the Middle East and should be advised to exercise appropriate caution and prudence."

Travellers to the region are also asked to register with local Canadian embassies and advise diplomatic staff of their travel plans and any changes in address.

"This advice is based on current expectations concerning the possible situation in early January."

The United Nations has set Jan. 15 as the deadline for Iraqi withdrawal from Kuwait, after which use of

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Goldie Grafstein celebrates her 96th birthday. [Frances Kraft photo]

Baking for family keeps Goldie Grafstein young

By
FRANCES KRAFT

TORONTO —

Not even a broken ankle can keep 96-year-old Goldie Grafstein down for long. The white-haired, straight-backed nonagenarian has returned to her daily routine of baking the mandelbroit, muffins, moon (poppyseed) cookies and other delicacies that her large family enjoys so much.

Born Goldie Adelaide Gollom in London, England, on New Year's Eve, 1894, Grafstein's crisp speech still reflects the country of her birth. She clearly recalls the day Queen Victoria visited her kindergarten class. "We (the girls) all curtsied to her, and she gave us each a postcard with her picture on it."

More recently, in 1981, when Grafstein's grandson, Robert Kaplan MP, was Solicitor-General of Canada, he arranged for her to present the Queen Mother with some French books for her grandchildren. Grafstein has a framed, autographed picture of that meeting.

In addition to Kaplan, Graftstein has close to 70 grandchildren and great-grandchildren. She also has one great-great-grand daughter, five-month-old Elisheva Kaplan, the daughter of Bob Kaplan's son John David and daughter-in-law Julie. The "biggest thrill" of Grafstein's life was holding Elisheva in her arms for the first time. It was wondrous to her that she had lived to see a great-great-grandchild.

When asked the secret of her longevity, not to mention her good health and alert mind, she was quick to answer, "Eating a bowl of porridge every morning." "What about keeping busy?" suggested Grafstein's daughter Tilley Levine, who was visiting from Vancouver.

"If I have nothing to do, I bake something," said Grafstein, who also keeps busy writing letters to friends and relatives all over the world, giving advice to her family, and sewing (at which she is quite accomplished, having learned the skill from her father, a tailor).

"She does everything fast," Levine told The CJN. "She cooks fast, she bakes fast, she walks fast."

Until she broke her ankle recently on one of her frequent jaunts to the neighborhood drugstore, Grafstein was out every day, shopping or taking the subway to visit one of her daughters.

Grafstein gave up driving at the age of 80. "I was getting too old," she said. In the late 1920s, she was one of the first women in Toronto to acquire a driver's license. Ever independent, she decided it was time to learn to drive when the black handyman her husband had hired as a driver for her (like Driving Miss Daisy, pointed out Levine) fell asleep at the wheel. The handyman taught her to drive in a "a very high Buick," and she surprised her husband by driving the car to his store one day.

Goldie and Moishe Grafstein were married in 1914. She was 19; he was 31. An enterprising immigrant from Radom, Poland, Moishe Grafstein ran a dancing school in the evening in addition to working days at Eaton's. With Timothy Eaton's encouragement he went on to open his own yard goods store on Dundas Street and eventually expanded to five stores.

Goldie Gollom had immigrated to Toronto at the age of 15, shortly after her mother died. She moved in with her grandparents, who had immigrated several years previously, then later lived with an aunt. She worked in a coat factory for Louis Rasminsky's (former Governor of the Bank of Canada's) father.

When she walked into Grafstein's Dancing School (meeting place for many young immigrants), Moishe Grafstein thought she was "the most beautiful person he'd ever seen," according to Levine. She was 5'8" tall (he was 6'1"), and her thick blond hair flowed past her waist.

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Immersed in communal affairs

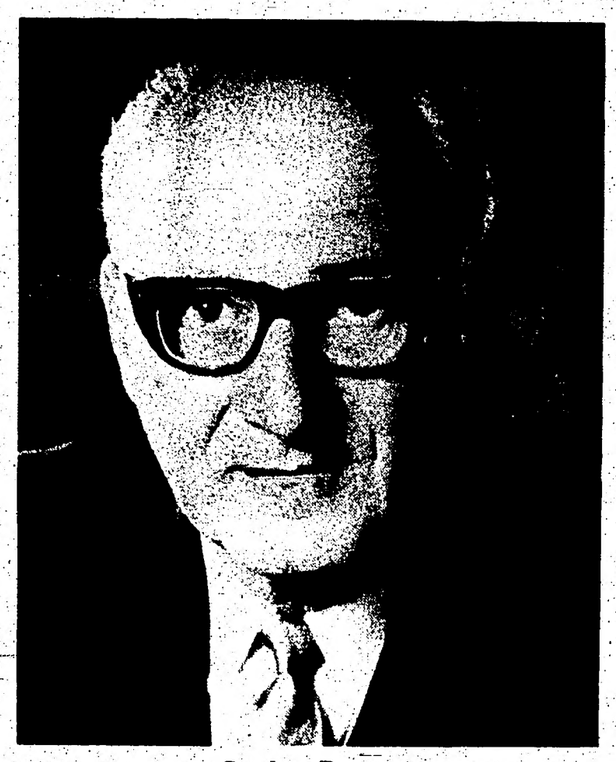
Stephen Berger dead at 90

By
CYNTHIA GASNER

TORONTO —

Communal leader Stephen E. Berger, who suffered a major stroke five years ago, died recently at the age of 90. He was a patient at the Baycrest Hospital in Toronto.

Born in Pecs, Hungary, he attended the University of Berlin where he received a degree in civil engineering in 1923. He was employed in Berlin as a consulting engineer until 1935 when he and his wife, Dr. Edith Steinbach, an economist from Berlin, left Germany to escape the Nazis. They settled in Brussels, where he became the owner and president of La Generale S.A., an office cleaning service.



Stephen Berger

After the outbreak of war in 1939, they fled to Lisbon but were unable to obtain visas to enter the United States. A special mission of the Joint District Committee brought their two sons, John Vaughan, 12, and Michael Thomas, 8, along with 40 other children, to foster homes in the United States.

In 1944, with temporary permits, they left Brussels for Canada with the stipulation that the family would leave Canada after the war. They later received landed immigrant status.

In Toronto, he was employed by the Ontario Hydro Commission and a year later founded the Toronto Toy Co. Ltd. which he sold 10 years later to become general manager of Amcan Holdings Ltd.

He was involved in numerous other business ventures including Delta Development and Exploration Co. Ltd., Echo Investments Ltd., Norseman Apartments Ltd., and headed several other corporations.

Shortly after his arrival in Toronto, Stephen Berger became deeply immersed in communal affairs, devoting most of his after-business hours to the welfare of the Jewish and general communities.

He volunteered as a canvasser in the Toy Division of the United Jewish Appeal and after accepting a number of fund-raising positions, in 1953 was appointed co-chairman of the UJA.

He served as president of the United Jewish Welfare Fund and was an officer of the Toronto Zionist Council, the Zionist Organization of Canada, Jewish Family and Child Services, the Jewish National Fund and the Board of Jewish Education.

Donald Carr, who worked closely with Berger says, "Stephen had little background in Jewish education, but always expressed himself that Jewish education was the essential ingredient for the preservation of the Jewish people."

Carr told The CJN that "Stephen had the deepest sense of morality and propriety and they governed every decision that he participated in around a boardroom table — that was his yardstick by which he judged everything."

He served on the boards of the Associated Hebrew Schools of Toronto, New Mount Sinai Hospital, the Jewish Vocational Services, the Hebrew Free Loan, the YM & YWHA, and the Baycrest Centre for Geriatric Care.

Among his many other outstanding accomplishments, he was the president of the Toronto Technion Society, chairman of the Board of Social Planning Committee of Metropolitan Toronto, chairman of the Agency-Campaign Liaison Executive Committee of the United Community Fund of Greater Toronto and vice-president of four campaigns of the United Appeal of Metropolitan Toronto.

His list of communal activities, which encompass almost every Jewish cause, were highlighted by his appointments as honorary national vice-president of the United Israel Appeal of Canada and the Ben-Gurion University of the Negev, honorary life member of the board of governors of the Technion and its senior national vice-president, and honorary president of the UJA of Metropolitan Toronto.

He was the honoree of the Negev tribute of the JNF in 1959 when a Nachla was founded in his name in Israel and he made a significant contribution to the community when he served as co-chairman of the Bequest and Endowment Fund Committee of the United Jewish Welfare Fund of Toronto.

The Bergers' two sons graduated from the University of Toronto. John is a mechanical engineer and Michael received a degree in commerce and finance. John's wife, Gay Berger, served as chairman of the Women's Division of Toronto's UJA and the Women's Division of the United Israel Appeal of Ontario and as president of UIA for Canada. The Bergers have four grandsons, Martin, Jeffrey, David and Robert.

Family trip to Poland slated

TORONTO —

Generation to Generation of Holocaust Remembrance Committee, Toronto Jewish Congress, under the chairmanship of Marilyn Freedman is organizing a Tour to Poland Retrieving our Grandparents, April 24 to May 3.

"Our objective is to offer a trip to those children of survivors who have a desire to explore their personal roots," says Freedman.

The trip will leave Toronto on April 24, via Amsterdam, tour for half a day, then fly to Warsaw and commute by an air-conditioned bus to Krakow staying at the Forum Hotel right in downtown Krakow.

On April 26, it will visit Auschwitz — Birkenau, retracing the steps that hundreds of thousands of Jews were forced to take on the way to annihilation. This will be follwed by a religious service commemorating Holocaust victims.

Sabbath eve is welcomed at the Altschul, Poland's oldest remaining synagogue, meeting local members of the Jewish community. Other historical sights in Krakow include Kazimiercz, the once vibrant Jewish quarter, and proceed to Lodz, visiting Katowice and other former Jewish Centres on its way, including the Jewish cemetery in Lodz.

Both camps Treblinka and Majdanek will be visited. The latter camp stands as perhaps the most gruesome testimony to the meaning of genocide.

The Lubin Yeshiva, once a vibrant centre for Jewish Learning, is another sight to be visited. Drive to Warsaw, Poland's capital, almost destroyed during the Second World War.

Walk to Umschlagplatz, the square where the Nazis transported Jews from the Ghetto to Treblinka. From there proceed to Mila 18, the headquarters of the Warsaw Ghetto uprising, visit the synagogue and the 400-year-old Genscher Cemetery.

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OLD FRIENDS REUNITE

Two old friends seperated for many years by politics and geography met recently at the Weizmann Institute of Science in Rehovot, Israel. They were Prof. Gury Marchuk, president of the Soviet Academy of Sciences (left) and Prof. Alexander Lerner, a former member of the Academy's research staff and world-famous mathematician. Following his application to emigrate to Israel in 1971, Lerner was dismissed from his post at the academy and forbidden to teach any students. Finally in 1988 he was allowed to leave the U.S.S.R. where he immediately joined the Weizmann Institute.

BGU fund raising reception draws community leaders' ire

By
DAVID LAZARUS

OTTAWA — Fund raisers for Ben-Gurion University's Canadian Associates here recently found themselves in some hot water with the Jewish community for allegedly breaching a moratorium on major fund raising.

In interviews with The CJN, BGU officials insisted that Ottawa's Jewish Community Council/Vaad Hair was fully aware of BGU's plans to hold a Nov. 20 cocktail reception fund raiser with Natan Sharansky during his recent cross-country tour sponsored by Canadian BGU.

But Ottawa Jewish community president Dr. Eli Rabin told The CJN that BGU did not clear the proper channels beforehand through the JCC's executive and Multiple Appeals Campaign Committee (MAC), which must be officially notified of and approve any event slated to raise more than $10,000.

The amount raised by BGU at the reception was said to be in the neighborhood of $100,000.

Rabin said the breach upset other Jewish organizations that were abiding by the moratorium and if other organizations were obeying it, "Why not BGU?" wondered Rabin, who sent a letter to BGU national president Rabbi Jordan Pearlson of Toronto after the event notifying him about the alleged breach.

Rabin said the continuing community moratorium has taken into account the Operation Exodus campaign and will also be in effect for at least the next two or three years to allow the Ottawa Jewish community, numbering only 15,000, to proceed with a major capital expenditures campaign. The campaign is to redevelop the community's old age home and Jewish community centre and for Jewish day school expansion.

Speaking from Toronto, BGU national director Leo Marcus said "absolute clearance" was obtained for the event and that BGU never intended to "play games with anybody" by staging it.

"I know (that in planning the event) we sat with most of the same people who sit on the JCC. It was clearly indicated there would be fund raising.

"At any stage in the game, someone should have picked up the phone."

Marcus said Susanna Dalfen, chairman for BGU in Ottawa, is out of the country until February and it is she who could verify whether clearance from MAC was oral or written.

But, he stressed, "We have nothing to hide. If there is a problem, we won't really know until Susanna returns."

"Nothing clandestine about it"

Marcus' confidence that approval was granted was echoed by BGU's director in charge of the Ottawa region, Claire Horowitz.

"There was nothing clandestine about it," she said, since "people involved with us sit on the Vaad" and "they did not express an opinion while going through the process."

Horowitz was also certain the proper go-ahead had been obtained by Dalfen through MAC.

But, according to Rabin, "no one was aware in precise terms" what the event would be and that MAC "never got an official letter (from BGU) to fund raise."

"We have a process, and it just wasn't followed."

And although the process is not always popular, Rabin admitted, it is essential in order to maintain "community discipline" during the capital campaign.

Only Israel Bonds and the Jewish National Fund, which put off its Negev Dinner this year but will hold one in 1991, have special status in regard to the moratorium.

Marcus suggested the whole brouhaha was the result of an honest misunderstanding, or "broken telephone," since BGU has had previous events in Ottawa and, "We're a responsible organization. We're not going to play games with anybody."

But Rabin said, "I have no idea whether it was a misunderstanding," since rules are clear and have to be adhered to avoid a "free-for-all."

Rabin said Pearlson sent a reply to his letter acknowledging the Jewish community was upset, but it did not contain an apology.

But Marcus was adamant that BGU would never deliberately circumvent proper procedure.

Lubavitchers use hi-tech for Chanukah

By
JANICE ARNOLD

MONTREAL — Members of the Lubavitch community are experts at using high technology to spread Yiddishkeit.

They demonstrated that savvy during Chanukah, on the last day of candlelighting, when 12 cities on six continents — including Montreal — were connected by the 20th century miracle of satellite for a simultaneous celebration.

In addtion to Montreal, the cities were Melbourne and Sydney, Australia; Buenos Aires, Argentina; London; Paris; Hong Kong; Jerusalem; Capetown and Johannesburg, South Africa; Moscow and Brooklyn, N.Y., world headquarters of the Lubavitch organization.

The focal point of this technological achievement was the central address of Lubavitch, 770 Eastern Parkway, Brooklyn, where a mobile satellite centre controlled 32 satellites receiving and feeding live from the 12 locations.

The program was broadcast live on cable television around the world to an estimated 2 million viewers. In Montreal, a tape was shown five days later on Videotron's channel 30.

A taped Chanukah message from Prime Minister Brian Mulroney was beamed around the world as part of the 2½-hour program, which culminated with a simultaneously translated address by Lubavitch leader, Rabbi Menachem Schneerson. The event was in honor of the rebbe's 40 years of spiritual leadership of the movement.

Prime Minister Yitzhak Shamir spoke from Jerusalem, and New York Mayor David Dinkins also offered greetings on the show, dubbed "To See and Be Seen."

In Montreal, close to 900 excited children from Lubavitch's Rabbinical College of Canada and Beth Rivkah Academy for Girls gathered to see the celebration, and wait for their city's turn in the proceedings on TV monitors around the college's gym.

Rabbi Menachem Schneerson

Unfortunately, Montreal did not get a picture until after 4 p.m., with less than an hour to go. However, according to Rabbi Levi Shemtov at Lubavitch headquarters all the other cities tuned in on time (about 2:40 p.m.) and they could see Montreal.

Shemtov called the event "an unprecedented expression of solidarity and religious freedom."

Local Lubavitch worker Rabbi Ronnie Fine attributed the problem here to technical difficulties experienced by the private production company hired. To keep the children occupied, College principal Rabbi Yossi Sputz led them in the singing of Chanukah songs. He sternly warned them to turn off any electronic games they might have brought because they would interfere with the reception.

Each city had a child recite a "possick," a verse from the Torah. In Montreal, the honor went to grade 4 student Chaim Zaklos.

Each city was also shown lighting the final candle of the menorah. In Montreal, brothers Howard, 11, and Phillip Dubrovsky, 10, and Natenal Taran, 7, handled the shames, while Yehuda Gottesman gave the blessing.

In Moscow, the menorah was lit in Red Square; in Paris, in front of the Eiffel Tower.

Lubavitch staged a smaller-scale intercontinental Chanukah rally last year, involving Brooklyn, London, Paris, Jerusalem and Moscow — then at the city's Great Synagogue.

In Jerusalem, the menorah was lit at the Western Wall by one of the Soviet children affected by the Chernobyl nuclear disaster brought to Israel for treatment by Lubavitch.

The program also included scenes of earlier Chanukah celebrations in some of the cities, including Moscow, Hong Kong and London, and the singing by thousands of children of We Want Moshiach Now.

The scenes from Moscow were especially moving for the Lubavitch leaders, because Russia is where there movement was born and where it has been kept alive clandestinely through decades of religious oppression, largely through Schneerson's efforts.

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Canada

Complaint over Christie clears another hurdle

By
PAUL LUNGEN

TORONTO —
A request that disciplinary measures be taken against Victoria lawyer Doug Christie has cleared another hurdle.

Last week, a commissioner of the Law Society of Upper Canada referred the complaint to the chair of the society's discipline committee for further review.

The chair could recommend that a disciplinary committee investigate the matter. Should the committee recommend disciplinary actions, a full convocation of the benchers (lawyers who regulate the legal profession) would make a final disposition.

Disciplinary actions available include reprimand, fine, suspension or disbarment.

The complaint was initiated by Toronto resident Don Weitz, who objected to Christie's conduct during the war crimes trial of former Hungarian gendarme captain Imre Finta.

Weitz, who attended much of the 1989 trial, had argued that Christie verbally harassed and badgered witnesses. He also alleged that the lawyer improperly accused witnesses of lying, of intimidating frail and elderly witnesses and of conducting himself in an unethical manner.

Weitz was joined in his presentation before the commissioner by lawyer Bert Raphael, who has filed an independent complaint based on Christie's conduct during the 1988 trial of Holocaust-denier Ernst Zundel.

In upholding Zundel's conviction in that case, the Ontario Court of Appeal stated that Christie made "unfounded charges of personal bias" against the trial judge and that those accusations were "irresponsible and reprehensible."

Bert Raphael

Raphael, president of the Jewish Civil Rights and Educational Foundation, has asked that disciplinary actions be taken against Christie based on that court statement.

In a letter to Weitz, complaints commissioner Anne-Marie Stewart said: "After reading the material on file and hearing what you and Mr. Raphael had to say, I ended up with very serious concerns about the solicitor's courtroom behavior. While it is correct to say . . . that the trial judge controls the court process, it seemed to me that the judge's apparent failure to censure the solicitor in this case does not necessarily end the matter."

Weitz said he was pleased with the commissioner's decision, adding "I hope the committee publicly and severly disciplines Christie.

"In lodging my complaint almost a year ago, I wanted to teach Christie and other lawyers like him a lesson. That (this type of) behavior targeted against Jewish witnesses in courts, particularly Holocaust survivors and denial or trivialization of their great suffering during the Holocaust, will no longer be tolerated in Ontario or anywhere else in Canada."

Meanwhile, Raphael repeated a request that the Law Society proceed with his complaint and not wait until the Supreme Court of Canada disposes of the Zundel case.

"My complaint against Mr. Christie is his unbecoming conduct as a barrister. I cannot believe that the Supreme Court will deal with that issue, but rather the charges against Mr. Zundel. Accordingly, I would respectfully suggest that the Law Society proceed with my complaint as outlined in the reasons of the Court of Appeal," he wrote.

In Gulf crisis:
Groups favor negotiations

By
RON CSILLAG

TORONTO —
As the Jan. 15 deadline looms for Saddam Hussein to get out of Kuwait, and the United States beats its war drums with increasing menace, at least two Jewish groups are involved in a nation-wide peace movement not seen since the Vietnam era.

Both the United Jewish People's Order (UJPO) and the Toronto-based Jews For a Just Peace are members of the Toronto Disarmament Network and other coalitions whose aim is to push for a last-ditch peaceful solution to the Persian Gulf crisis and to protest the United States' and Canada's involvement in the showdown.

The two groups contend that the rest of the Jewish community has been far too quiet on the Gulf crisis, especially since any confrontation there is bound to affect Israel.

"War is a danger to Israel and to all of humanity," says Jews For a Just Peace spokesman Joe Flexer. "Unhappily, we feel Israel has been pushing for war (in the Gulf)."

Flexer says the 100 or so active Toronto members of Jews For a Just Peace, founded at the beginning of the intifada, have been busy taking part in street demonstrations, organizing vigils and rallies and lobbying members of Parliament.

External Affairs Minister Joe Clark

An international day of protest against the West's military intervention in the crisis is scheduled for Jan. 24, a date that may take on a completely different meaning since a full-scale war may be on by then.

Flexer concedes that his group, which is viewed with considerable hostility by the Jewish "establishment" for its thoughts on Israel, functions outside the mainstream.

"We understand we're a minority opinion. But once the shooting starts in the Middle East, there will be millions of Jews on the streets (calling for peace).

"The Canadian Jewish community is almost impregnable in terms of the peace movement. There's tremendous pressure not to wash our dirty linen in public."

Flexer's group believes Israel is endangered by the Gulf crisis not only because of Saddam but by its own "unwillingness" to embark on a peace policy.

Jews For a Just Peace is lobbying Ottawa to link the Iraqi invasion of Kuwait to the Palestinian issue, something Canada has rejected both in Parliament and in official statements by Secretary of State for External Affairs Joe Clark.

But first and foremost, it and the 50 or so other peace groups within the Toronto Disarmament Network are pushing for a peaceful and negotiated solution to the Iraqi crisis.

Jews For a Just Peace and UJPO took part in a massive Nov. 24 peace march in Toronto, along with 40 other groups and individuals, including the presidents of the Canadian Arab Federation and the Canada-Palestine Solidarity Committee.

The United Jewish People's Order, with chapters in Montreal, Toronto, Winnipeg and Vancouver, is a founding member of the Canadian Peace Alliance, which is co-ordinating all protests and rallies across the country.

"Our position is that all peaceful avenues must be explored before the use of force, and that force must be the last alternative," says UJPO national president David Abramowitz.

"We're very upset with the United States saying there will be no negotiations with Saddam Hussein. They want him to lose face. No one wants to lose face."

The Jewish community, Abramowitz says, "has been much too quiet" when it comes to rallying for peace in the Mideast, especially since any conflict there (underscored by Saddam Hussein's recent threat to bomb Tel Aviv) would doubtless affect Israel.

Christie explains his position on defending Keegstra et al.

By
MAURICE LUCOW

VICTORIA —
Controversial Victoria lawyer Doug Christie sees himself as a lone figure in defence of freedom of speech and thought, according to a story about him in the Times-Colonist newspaper.

That, he says, is why he defended people like James Keegstra, Ernst Zundel, and is defending Malcolm Ross on charges of anti-Semitism in New Brunswick.

Christie, says the story, is unapologetic about the way he questioned Yona Attis at the human rights inquiry in Moncton, which has been adjourned until the spring. Attis, who cried frequently on the stand, and her father, David, are supporting a complaint that would end a veteran schoolteacher's career and they have to be prepared to justify their feelings, Christie said.

The story, bylined "Times-Colonist news services," says Jews in Moncton want Ross taken out of the classroom, saying that by allowing him to teach, the school board is fostering a climate than encourages anti-Semitism.

Christie says he is amazed by the complaint, as he is by all legal attempts to curb what he considers a fundamental freedom.

The T-C story notes "there's more to Christie than his difficult law practice, although his politics and legal opinions are connected."

The story points out that he's the leader of the Western Canadian Concept, "one of several separatist parties that believe in varying degrees of political autonomy for the West. In Christie's case, it's full separation."

The story quotes Christie as saying that people in the West have a different notion of freedom of speech than people in the East and the hate literature laws of Canada will no longer be a problem if the West separates.

Christie told the newspaper that his beliefs have caused him "personal hardship." The story reports that his "tiny Courtney St. office, tucked away in the corner of a parking lot behind the Royal Theatre, has been vandalized on several occasions, including spray-painted swastikas just recently, and he says he has received personal threats."

The story then quotes him as saying: "There's a price to be paid for freedom and I'm prepared to pay it, whatever it is."

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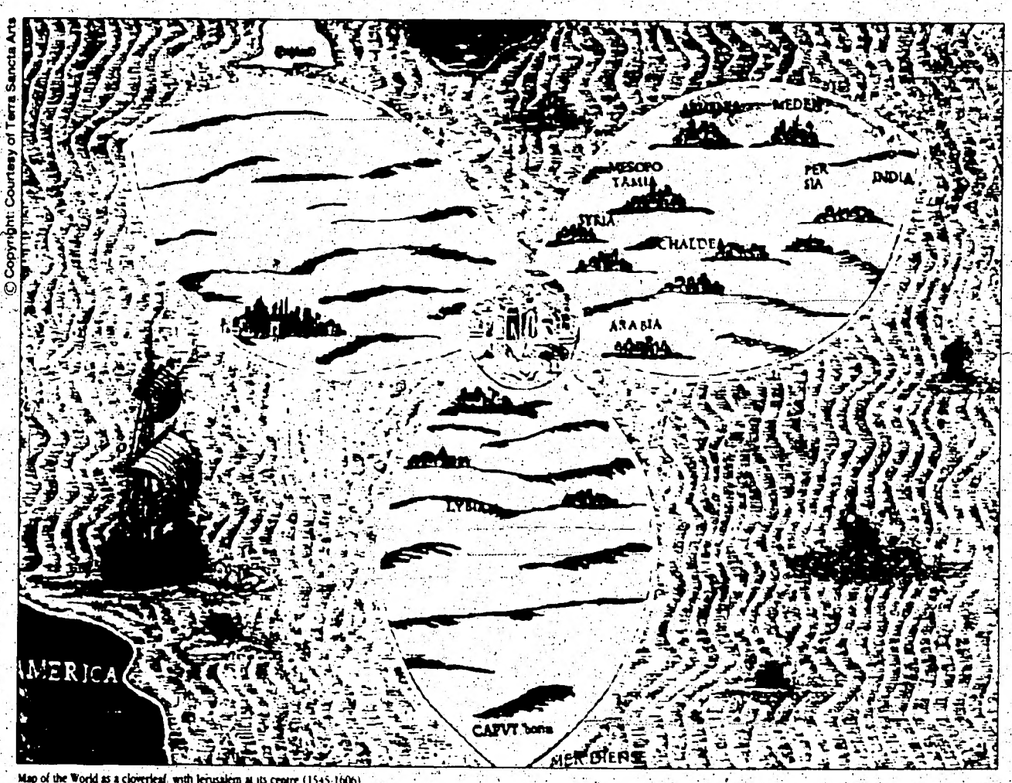

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W5 follows Leinung on moving journey

Kristallnacht survivor returns home after 52 years

By
PAUL LUNGEN

TORONTO —

There is an adage that says you can never go home again, and for Ursula Leinung, those memorable words held true for 52 years.

Ever since the traumatic events of Kristallnacht on Nov. 9, 1938, Leinung has kept the vow she made never to return to her old hometown. But with the recent decision of the (former) government of East Germany to compensate the victims of Nazism for properties taken from them, and with an invitation from W5, the CTV current affairs program, Leinung did go home again.

Her story of escape and a return to what was once her home is told in a segment of the program to be aired on Jan. 6.

As an 18-year-old, Leinung was caught in the midst of the collective insanity of Kristallnacht, the pogrom that launched the beginning of the end of German Jews.

Hidden away from Nazi mobs in the Polish consulate, she was to become permanently separated from the life she had known in Leipzig, quickly sent by her parents to live with a relative in Paris.

Ursula Leinung

From there, keeping one step ahead of German forces, Leinung (later joined by her parents Jacob and Mary Ader), eventually made her way to Portugal and from there to Canada, where she now lives.

W5's sympathetic portrait of her experiences describes that awful night in 1938 and the inability of she and her mother to save her young cousins, whose ultimate fate is unknown to her.

We enter with Leinung into her family's old apartment, where to her astonishment, furniture she remembered as a teenager is still in use.

The chandelier, Persian carpets and wooden bookcase are all as she remembered them, though the tenants who've inhabited the apartment for the past four years claim the items are theirs.

From there we follow Leinung to the site of her father's former textile factory, destroyed during the war by bombing and now a prime real estate site, occupied by a wing of a large hotel.

Leinung's claim for compensation is one of an expected 250 claims by Canadian Jews for properties that once belonged to them or their families.

But as Frankfurt lawyer Michael Friedman says, the claims process could take time, since the German bureaucracy doesn't have its heart in resolving the claims.

Bill Cunningham

Exploring issues that concern the Jews of Germany, W5 interviewed Heinz Galinski, the head of the German Jewish community, who explained that pro-Nazi sentiments are growing. Behind the young skinheads who parade in the streets in a suddenly free eastern Germany is a strong right-wing network that finances these youths, we learn.

A gripping piece of film shows Leinung and reporter Bill Cunningham in a Leipzig street as a group of "soccer hooligans" march down the road with their arms extended in the Nazi salute.

In a telephone interview from Florida, Leinung said the experience of returning to her old hometown was "very, very emotional."

But despite the long absence from her native country and the people she grew up with, Leinung says she feels very uncomfortable among Germans.

When filing her claim for compensation, she said she could feel from the official interviewing her the same attitude, the same tone of voice that signalled the anti-Semitism she felt 52 years ago.

"I sensed that he felt that here's a Jew trying to collect," she said.

Nevertheless, Leinung is pursuing her claim. "It's only right that some compensation come to me and my family," she said. "They can never make it all right, but maybe a little right."

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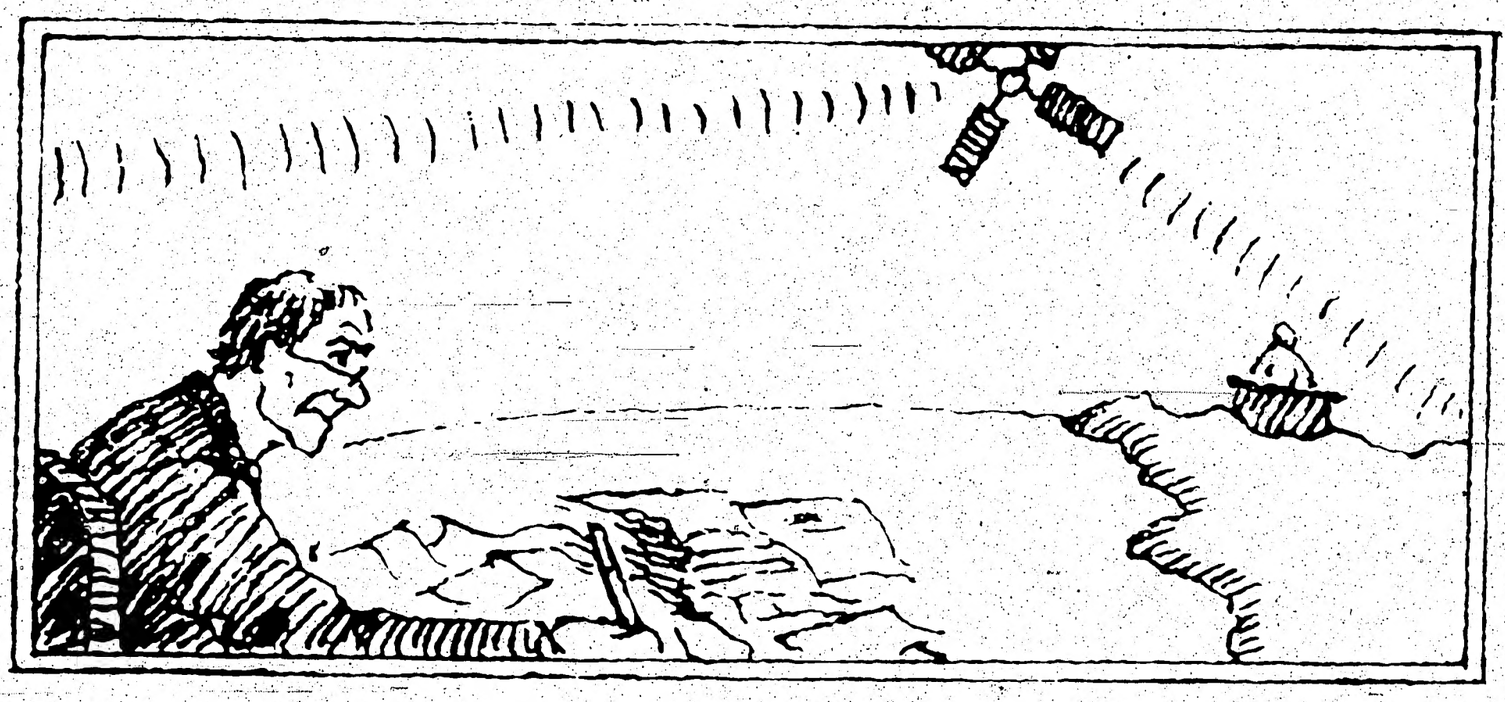

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Soviet Jewry

"Prisoners of Zion" still in jail: Cotler

By
DAVID LAZARUS

MONTREAL —

Despite the claim even by some Israeli sources that Soviet prisons have emptied of Jewish political prisoners, there are six current cases that well qualify, according to human rights activist Irwin Cotler.

In a detailed memo, Cotler said some of the cases could even qualify as "Prisoners of Zion," Soviet Jews imprisoned for wanting to go to Israel.

In all but one case (involving two brothers), the prisoners had applied to emigrate between 1975 and 1983 and Cotler said the evidence strongly suggests that political considerations — or the "criminalization of dissidence" — was a factor in their prosecutions.

What makes their Jewishness relevant is that in each of the cases, it "contributed either to the severity of the sentence, or the aggravation of conditions of confinement, or both, if not also to the initial prosecution itself," the McGill University law professor said.

New York Times columnist Abe Rosenthal recently cited some of the names Cotler is representing to show why Soviet leader Mikhail Gorbachev was not necessarily the right man to be awarded this year's Nobel Peace Prize.

The prisoners named by Cotler are:

• Mikhail (Misha) Kazachkov, arrested in Nov., 1975 after applying to emigrate and sentenced eventually to a total of 18½ years in prison for treason and violating the "correctional regime."

Kazachkov's sentence was recently quashed and he was slated for release Nov. 21. But he asked Cotler, the first foreign lawyer to visit Cristopol Prison, to undertake a petition for his rehabilitation.

• Alexander Rasskazov, sentenced in 1983 to 10 years for treason after applying to emigrate. Rasskazov has learned Hebrew and is studying Torah and plans to apply to go to Israel. Prison authorities advised him he would be relased from labor camp no. 35.

• Gennady Blumin. His family blocked his 1976 application to go to Israel. Blumin admitted in 1981 to misappropriating government funds at work but the original charge was changed to one involving an "implication of dissent."

Human rights sources in the U.S.S.R. told Cotler that even though Blumin was guilty, he was sentenced to 12 instead of the expected maximum four-to-five years.

Those who spoke to Cotler also believe the sentence was that harsh "because he was a Jew who sought to emigrate — a clearly politically-motivated prosecution."

• Adolph Gorvitz, in 1977 refused permission to emigrate to Israel (his mother got permission in 1979). Repeated applications earned KGB warnings about "anti-Soviet propaganda" and in 1981 his mother learned in a letter from him of his arrest on the fabricated charge of "accepting bribes as a public official." In 1982 he was sentenced to 10 years in Tashkent prison.

Cotler stressed the "politically-motivated" character of the prosecution and cited numerous "serious" rights violations in the case, including 20 months detention before charges were laid, a secret trial, and fabricated testimony.

• Brothers Felix and Roman Bodner, textile workers arrested in 1988 in Tashkent for embezzling. The case has aroused great publicity, with the brothers warned that their Jewishness has been an "aggravating" circumstance against them. A newspaper changed their name from Bodner to Bender and $5.5-million rubles was cited as the amount supposedly stolen.

The international Women's Campaign for Soviet Jewry has taken up the case with the trial due to get underway last week.

Cotler said because of the "Jewish exodus" from the U.S.S.R., Glasnost and Perestroika, many believe no Jewish political prisoners remain.

Yet it remains an "unduly neglected" issue, he maintained. Some of the prisoners, with no previous access to world attention, have been sentenced to what in effect is the lamentable legacy of the pre-Gorbachev era, Cotler fears.

Cotler saw the political prisoner situation during his last trip to the U.S.S.R.

He visited Butyrka, Vladimir and Cristopol prisons and spoke with former political prisoners, including current Russian Supreme Soviet member Sergei Kovalyov, and the prisoners themselves.

He also met with several Soviet officials, among them Col. Vladimir Gulgayev, head of the Soviet prison system.

NEW JEWISH SCHOOL IN U.S.S.R.
A visiting American, Ralph Goldman, talks with Soviet Jewish children in Moscow Nov. 25 at the opening of a new Jewish school in the Soviet Union. [RNS Photo/Reuters]

Settlement costs shared fairly

NEW YORK (JTA) —

Leaders of Jewish community federations across the United States have agreed to continue funding the resettlement of Soviet Jews in this country in a way that distributes the financial responsibility among all Jewish communities.

The agreement on collective responsibility, adopted during the Council of Jewish Federations General Assembly in San Francisco, essentially renews an accord reached last February in Miami, at a meeting convened specifically to deal with resettlement issues.

Under the plan, each federation is responsible for settling a specific number of emigres, determined by the size of the community and the amount of money it raised during its 1989 general fund-raising campaign.

If the community does not settle that number, it must contribute $1,000 to a national pool for each Soviet Jew it does not absorb. The money in the national pool is then distributed to the communities resettling more than their "fair share" of Soviet immigrants.

The collective responsibility program was developed, "because Jewish tradition has always linked communities together," explained Bernard Olshansky, CJF assistant executive vice president.

"We live in a continental society, and there was a need to recognize the responsibility beyond our individual communities, to make it a cooperative effort," he said. "Now, we're much more interdependent."

A total of 121 communities participated in the program this past year, out of about 141 that were eligible to do so, and CJF executives hope that more will take part next year. (Canadian federations that belong to CJF are not participating, because of differences in the two countries' refugee admission policies.)

Those U.S. federations that did not participate chose not to because "some of the smaller communities felt that they couldn't afford it," according to Jerry Levinrad, CJF director of refugee resettlement programs.

In fact, the collective responsibility program has proven to be most beneficial for the smaller communities, Levinrad said, making it easier for them to accept refugees and to increase their Jewish population.

The small communities are the least likely to have settled Soviet Jews during the last big wave of immigration, in the late 1970s and early 1980s.

Aliya reducing intermarriages

JERUSALEM (JPFS) —

The Soviet aliya wave has brought in its wake a dramatic decrease in the number of intermarriages in the Soviet Union, according to a Religious Affairs Ministry official report.

The report, prepared by Ze'ev Rosenberg, who reently returned from a trip to the Soviet Union, states that the intermarriage rate in the U.S.S.R. is currently less than 10 per cent, a dramatic decrease from the commonly accepted estimate that in recent years the Soviet intermarriage rate was more than 50 per cent.

Rosenberg also wrote that in the last year there has been a dramatic increase in the number of Jews marrying under a wedding canopy, as stipulated by halacha.

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Justice Department official disputes "new evidence"

Demjanjuk's claim of mistaken identity dismissed

WASHINGTON (JTA) — A Justice Department official has dismissed new evidence purporting to show that convicted war criminal John Demjanjuk was indeed a victim of mistaken identity.

The official said supporters of the Ukrainian-born former Cleveland autoworker were trying to plant seeds of doubt in the minds of Israeli jurists.

He was commenting on the latest evidence, released by Rep. James Traficant Jr. (D-Ohio), which he says supports Demjanjuk's claim of misidentification and wrongful conviction.

Jewish groups here were equally skeptical.

Martin Mendelsohn, Washington counsel of the Simon Wiesenthal Center, dismissed the latest evidence. "Every time a judge reviews the entire presentation of evidence, the judge concludes that Ivan Demjanjuk is the man who the prosecution says he is, and that he committed the crimes he has been charged with," Mendelsohn said.

The 70-year-old Demjanjuk, who was stripped of his U.S. citizenship and deported to Israel for trial, was sentenced to death on April 25, 1988, after a Jerusalem court decided that he was the brutal guard known as "Ivan the Terrible" who operated the gas chambers at the Treblinka death camp.

Demjanjuk is waiting for Israel's High Court of Justice to rule on his appeal.

Traficant's evidence so far consists of a letter from Alexander Yemetz, a member of the Human Rights Commission of the Ukrainian Parliament, who said there was another man who worked at Treblinka who fits Demjanjuk's description.

Yemetz' letter was translated by the Cleveland-based John Demjanjuk Defence Fund, which is supporting the appeal.

According to Yemetz, the existence of another man, named Ivan Marczenko, was cited by Peter Honcharov Kazarovich in a transcript dated March 6, 1951.

That transcript was included in the court proceedings of Feodor Fedorenko, convicted in June 1986 and executed a year later by the Soviet Union for committing war crimes at Treblinka.

According to Kazarovich's transcript, which named 38 "people like himself" who served at Treblinka, Marczenko "was born in 1919 or 1920, in which place I do not know, but he was Ukrainian, he served in the Red Army, fell prisoner to the Germans, then to the school in Trawniki," a reference to a guard-training school in Poland that Demjanjuk allegedly attended.

In addition, Marczenko "was posted to the Treblinka camp, where he served as a diesel motorist — sending gas to the death chamber and took part in shootings of people," Yemetz wrote.

Marczenko was tall, was of "straight stature," had wide shoulders, had dark skin or hair, had a "round face" and a "long nose," Yemetz wrote.

The Justice Department official said it is "quite conceivable that what they are offering is a description of Demjanjuk," since the alleged Marczenko's characteristics resemble Demjanjuk's.

He said the connection can be seen in an affidavit given to Polish authorities by a Polish man at Treblinka, Kazimierz Dudek, which was included in the Israeli trial.

Dudek said he knew of an Ivan Marczenko at Treblinka, but when given eight photographs from which to choose, selected the picture of Demjanjuk.

John Demjanjuk at his trial.

The official added that Demjanjuk wrote on one of his visa applications that his mother's maiden name was Marczenko, evidence that was put forth by Israeli prosecutors.

The official said that in the Israeli court, Demjanjuk said he could not recall his mother's maiden name, which is Tabachyk, according to a marriage certificate provided by the Soviet Embassy's consular division.

Telephone calls to Demjanjuk's son, John Jr; his son-in-law, Edward Nishnic; and his Washington lawyer, John Broadley, were not returned.

An aide to Traficant had no comment on the Justice Department official's rebuttal except to say that Marczenko is a common name for Ukrainians in much the same way the surname Smith is commonplace among English-speaking people.

The aide indicated that it may just be a coincidence that Demjanjuk wrote the name Marczenko on his visa application and that the alleged Marczenko who worked at Treblinka had the same name.

The Justice Department official expressed concern that Demjanjuk could be helped by creating uncertainties in the minds of the Israeli jurists considering his fate.

"You never know what turn (the trial) is going to take next," the official said.

"They dribble out all these things and they turn out they are not true. But for two months, you get uncertainty. They are just trying to show seeds of uncertainly. Since the Anglo-American standard (of proof) is reasonable doubt, they are trying to create some reasonable doubt."

President confident anti-Iraq coalition won't "fall apart"

WASHINGTON (JTA) — U.S. President George Bush has said that he was "absolutely convinced" the international coalition against Iraq would not "fall apart" if Saddam Hussein decided to attack Israel.

But State Department officials appear to be less certain about the consequences of a scenario in which Israel is dragged into the Persian Gulf crisis by an Iraqi military assault.

While Middle East experts in the department would not dispute Bush's statement, they were not particularly eager to affirm it either.

Even the president was a little vague when pressed on the possibility of an attack against Israel.

"I can't give you the specifics on that, but I'm absolutely convinced of it, and you can assume the way I've answered the question that we've inquired about that," Bush told a group of regional newspaper editors.

Bush's statement, which follows a similar one made recently by Secretary of State James Baker, is a departure from the practice of administration officials, who generally do not engage in answering hypothetical questions.

This raises the possibility that Bush's words may be more of a rhetorical device to warn Saddam against attacking Israel than an actual assessment of what is likely to happen.

Malcolm Hoenlein, executive director of the Conference of Presidents of Major American Jewish Organizations, said that while it "stands to reason" that the anti-Iraq coalition would "hold together if the United States came to the defense of Israel," nobody in the administration "has told us that."

Hoenlein said he could not envision any scenarios involving an attack against Israel that would destroy the coalition, although he said some Arab countries might "chicken out" for other reasons.

State Department deputy spokesman Richard Boucher had no comment Wednesday when asked about a news report that Syrian President Hafez Assad had assured visiting Jordanian Prime Minister Mudar Badran that he would come to Jordan's rescue in the event of an Israeli attack.

Syria has been part of the U.S.-led coalition against Iraq, while Jordan, which is economically dependent on Iraq, has officially remained neutral.

One State Department official who refused to comment on Bush's statement said it was "guesswork" to think that Assad would come to Jordan's defence if Israel attacked the Hashemite Kingdom. There are "so many possibilities" depending on the circumstances of such an attack, the official said.

A Syrian embassy spokesman declined comment, saying he could only answer written questions. The press offices at the Saudi and Jordanian embassies did not provide any immediate reaction about any contingency plans involving any Israeli attack against an Arab country or an Arab attack against Israel.

But Baker told the Senate Foreign Relations Committee two weeks ago that if Iraq attacked Israel, "there would be an appropriate response by the United States and, in our view, the Arab coalition partners would understand that."

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Religious leaders reject anti-Semitism

Polish bishops acknowledge country's role in war

WARSAW (JTA) —

In an unprecedented move, Poland's Roman Catholic bishops issued a document condemning anti-Semitism in this country, and acknowledging that some Poles had helped Nazis kill Jews during the Second World War. But Jewish leaders criticized the bishops, saying they were too late.

"We express our sincere regret over all cases of anti-Semitism which were committed at any time or by anyone on Polish soil," the bishops said, in a four-page statement that is to be read during Catholic mass here on Jan. 20.

"All cases of anti-Semitism are against the spirit of the Gospel . . . and are contrary to the Christian vision of human dignity," the bishops declared.

The declaration follows a statement made by world Catholic leaders in Prague recently, which accepted blame for the recent recurrence of anti-Semitism in Europe and called on fellow Catholics to aggressively combat it.

"From the Polish perspective this is a major breakthrough," said Konstanty Gebert, a political columnist in Warsaw who is Jewish. "It formally confirms that anti-Semitism exists here, that it is reprehensible and that it is a Catholic duty to combat it." More than 90 per cent of Poles identify themselves as Catholics.

"But as a Jew I find serious flaws in this," Gebert said. "It has simply come too late."

Pawel Wildstein, head of the coordinating commission of Jewish organizations in Poland, said: "We kept asking that the bishops make a such a statement earlier, but in vain."

Rabbi A. James Rudin, national director for interreligious affairs of the American Jewish Committee, emphasized the importance of the bishops' statement.

"It is a pastoral letter, not just a statement," he said; "It is approved by every bishop of the Catholic Church in Poland, including Cardinal Glemp, and is a major, major breakthrough."

Pastoral letter is read in churches

Rudin, who just returned to New York from meetings with high-ranking church officials in Poland and with newly elected president Lech Walesa, said that the pastoral letter will be read in all of Poland's more than 6,000 churches on Jan. 20 "without comment, and with the full authority of the Polish bishops."

Seymour Reich, chairman of the International Jewish Committee on Interreligious Consultations, said that the bishops' statement "confirms that the Prague declaration has meaning and that the countries of Eastern Europe are implementing it on their own."

In early September, Catholic leaders issued a statement, after meeting with Jewish leaders in Prague, that anti-Semitism is a sin against God.

Since Eastern Europe's first non-Communist government took office 16 months ago, anti-Semitism has emerged in Poland in many ways.

While anti-Jewish graffiti has become a common sight on city streets this year, the phenomenon was perhaps most striking during Poland's first popular presidential campaign that ended with a landslide victory for Lech Walesa on Dec. 9.

Voters complained that Prime Minister Tadeusz Mazowiecki, a devout Catholic, was of Jewish origin. Campaign aides have blamed his humiliating defeat in the first round of voting Nov. 25 partly on anti-Semitic accusations.

Elan Steinberg, executive director of the World Jewish Congress, was critical of the timing of the statement, and said that "All figures of conscience were remiss in not standing up to an election campaign so tainted by anti-Semitism."

Walesa told Rudin that under his tenure, Poland would enter a new phase free of anti-Semitism.

Before the Second World War, Poland was the centre of world Judaism, with a population of more than three million Jews. Only 300,000 remained after the war. Thousands more emigrated during government-sponsored anti-Semitic purges in 1968. Some 10,000 live here today, with their average age around 70.

In the document, the bishops explained at length that Jews should not be blamed collectively for the death of Jesus Christ.

"If there was only one Christian who could help but did not extend his hand to a Jew in danger or contributed to his death then it makes us ask our sister and brother Jews for forgiveness," the statement said.

In an unusual admission that there were Poles who assisted Nazis during the Second World War, the bishops said such people would "forever gnaw at our conscience."

The bishops also said: "We are aware that many of our compatriots still keep in mind the memory of injustices perpetrated by post-war Communist governments in which people of Jewish origin also participated.

"We must recognize, however, that the source of inspiration for their activity was apparently neither in their origin nor in their religion but in Communist ideology from which the Jews themselves had also experienced many injustices."

Many of the first Communist leaders Joseph Stalin appointed here, especially those who headed the interior ministry, were Jewish. Polish Jews have often complained that they have been unfairly linked to the Communist regime.

"This little word 'apparently' I find extremely insulting," Gebert said. "It shows questionable judgment."

The bishops added, however, that it was unfair to single out Poland as an anti-Semitic nation.

"We feel it is unjust and deeply unfair to speak of so-called Polish anti-Semitism as an especially virulent form of anti-Semitism," they said.

"There is no other religion with which the church would have such close relations, nor is there any other nation with which it would be so closely tied," the statement continued.

Seymour Reich

Seeks antonement for war crimes

Latvia condemns anti-Semitism

By
HELDON KIRSHNER

ORONTO —

Latvia's Supreme Coun-l, or legislature, has is-ied a declaration. ndemning anti-Semitism d acknowledging the in-lvement of Latvians in e wholesale massacre of ws during the Holocaust. lanis Jurkans, the Latvi- foreign minister, said statement is indicative t only of Latvia's desire build a democratic state ere minorities enjoy ual rights, but of its nement for crimes com-tted by local fascists ainst Jews—under the zi occupation.

urkans and the Latvian me minister, Ivars God-nis, were in Toronto lier this month after eting with Prime nister Brian Mulroney d External Affairs nister Joe Clark in Otta-After a brief stopover Montreal, they flew k to Latvia.

sponsored by the Latvi-National Federation in nada, their tour was gned to promote Latvi-sovereignty. Latvia, ch gained independence 918, was annexed by Soviet Union in 1940 invaded by Nazi Ger-y a year later. Canada s not recognize scow's annexation.

ast May, in line with Baltic republics of uanian and Estonia, via declared its inten-to secede from the iet Union. On Sept. 19, Latvian Supreme Coun-condemned "without rvation the genocide... inst the Hebrew popu-n... during the years of upation by Hitler's es." Approximately 00 of about 94,000 ian Jews were killed in the Holocaust.

Janis Jurkans [Alron photo]

The Latvian Supreme Council also noted, with "deep regret, that some Latvian citizens were among those who helped the (German) occupants realize their program of terror."

Jurkans, in an interview with The Canadian Jewish News, said that Latvian independence can only be built on a foundation of "historical truth."

He added: "Latvia has always been a multi-national state. We have a very long history of ties with the Jewish people. And we know what was done to the Jewish people in the 1940s."

Noting that Latvia was the first republic in the Soviet Union to sanction the opening of a Jewish day school, Jurkans said: "We understand why a small nation wants to preserve its distinct identity."

According to Jurkans, Latvia has become a haven for hundreds of Russian Jews fleeing anti-Semitism. "There is anti-Semitism in Russia. It's a fact."

Warning of forces in Latvia "who want to incite racial tensions," Jurkans singled them out as members of the KGB and "die-hard Communists." Both elements, he claimed, want to crush the Latvian national movement.

Jurkans said that, as far as he knows, there is not a single war criminal left in Latvia. "They all fled."

Latvia, he observed, assumes responsibility for perpetuating the memory of the Jewish victims of the Holocaust. Jurkans said there are plans to build a Holocaust memorial in Riga, on the site of a synagogue destroyed by the Nazis.

Jurkans disclosed that Latvia hopes to establish political, economic and cultural ties with Israel. "Practically no such relations exist now. I have a feeling, however, that Israel will be very cautious with respect to that possibility, given the improvement in Soviet-Israeli relations."

Striking a personal note, Jurkans commented: "I have always admired Jews for their sense of solidarity, their smartness, their cleverness, their entrepreneurial skills. And I must say I have suffered because I defended Jews."

As a lecturer in foreign languages at Latvia State University, Jurkans said he was instructed by the dean to fail Jewish students. "I gave fair marks, and I was sacked for disobdience. I wasn't sorry for that. I was proud."

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Patt seeking new markets, services for tourists

By PATRICIA RUCKER

TEL AVIV — Tourism Minister Gideon Patt sees the current sharp decline in tourism to Israel as nothing less than "a natural disaster [of] force majeure."

But he is not despairing. Instead he and his officials are actively pursuing new markets and preparing to offer new services when the tourists return.

Patt believes that will be soon. He attributes the decline in tourism more to the crisis in the Persian Gulf than to the intifada, now entering its fourth year.

"When this [the Gulf crisis] will be through, tourism will come back to Israel," he stated in an interview late last month in his Tel Aviv office.

He acknowledged that "we can't do anything about the 'Jan. 15 factor' " (the date set by the United Nations for authorization of the use of force if Iraqi President Saddam Hussein does not withdraw completely from Kuwait).

"I don't know if it's going to happen on the 15th . . . people are reluctant to come to places where they think there will be a war in the neighborhood."

But, he added, "we hope that by February we will be able to say: 'Thank God — he is not there.' " In that firm expectation, his ministry is planning a tourism blitz for the upcoming Passover/Easter season in March, and for the summer and fall of 1991.

A member of Deputy Premier Moshe Nissim's Liberal faction of the governing Likud coalition, Patt was bluntly optimistic that any military confrontation in the Gulf would be over quickly, would result in Saddam's removal, and would not involve Israel.

"The Americans can finish it in two days. They will not fight a ground war; they have enough air power to destroy all the missiles he has," Patt said.

In the interview with The CJN, which took place before Saddam announced that he would make Tel Aviv his first target, Patt appeared confident that the Iraqi leader would not risk war with Israel as well as with the multinational force now in the Gulf.

"Saddam Hussein is not crazy — the whole world is dancing to his tune. He is violent, dangerous — but not crazy. I don't think he wants to open a second front . . . you can't conquer a country with a missile."

Moreover, "missiles can't be pinpointed. If he makes a small mistake, at a range of 700 to 900 kilometres, he won't know where it will land. He could kill many Arabs."

And there is Israeli resolve: "He won't have the next morning," Patt said. "We fight where our families live. We fight for survival."

As for the intifada, Patt acknowledged that it is a "deterrent," but, he added, "not to the degree that people think." He noted that tourism, which had dropped off during 1988, the first full year of the uprising, had gone up by 10 per cent in 1989.

Patt agreed that comparing the high level of personal safety in Israel with the violence in some American cities is not particularly meaningful in Canada, and he became sombre when he was reminded that the three tourists killed in intifada-related violence were all young Canadian Jewish women.

"We have to understand" the feelings of Canadians, he said. "Just tell them the truth about Israel. People are intelligent."

He noted that the unrest is concentrated in areas where tourists seldom travel, and added that "we have learned to protect ourselves from the intifida — but if I were to tell you that the intifada is of no concern, I would not be giving the real situation."

He is grateful to the solidarity missions that have been arriving over the past two months. "I tell them: Thank God, when we are facing such difficult times, we know that we have our people next to us. It makes us feel close."

But the missions cannot compensate for the loss of income caused by the precipitous drop in tourism during the last third of 1990. Israel was on its way to a good year, he noted, with as many visitors in the first eight months of the year as in all of 1989.

But September saw a 20 per cent drop; October, 40 per cent; and in November, there were only half as many tourists as a year before.

According to ministry figures, foreign currency income from tourism in 1989 totalled over $1.8 billion (U.S.), making it a key factor in reducing Israel's balance of payments deficit.

Patt put it in human terms. "One hundred thousand families derive their livelihood from tourism."

Twenty per cent of the ministry's employees have been laid off, he said, but they have not been cut adrift.

They are receiving 70 per cent of their salary level as of six months ago, and are being kept linked to the ministry through special upgrading courses, including instruction in additional foreign languages like Finnish and Korean.

Gideon Patt, Israeli Minister of Tourism, points to a satellite map of Israel in his Tel Aviv office. North is to the left.

Tourism from Finland was up 18 per cent (the highest of any national group) during the first nine months of 1990; Korea, which recently relaxed its exchange currency regulations, has a huge Christian population which, ministry officials hope, will find the Holy Land an important attraction.

The Tourism Ministry is also going after new markets. On Dec. 18, the ministry's director general, Abraham Rosental, signed an agreement with a delegation from the tourism department of Poland's Ministry of Home Trade.

Included in the agreement are provisions for the promotion of tourism between the two countries and from third countries, and co-operation in manpower training.

But even as he discussed plans for the future, Patt spoke regretfully of the 30,000 new jobs his ministry had hoped to create this year for Soviet olim. He was emphatic that Israel needs both Operation Exodus dollars and tourism dollars to help absorb the record aliya.

"Any support for Israel is support for immigration. . . . We have to increase our GNP by 40 per cent in the coming four years to create 540,000 new jobs, build 400,000 new apartments.

"It will be difficult, but we will do it. Ten years from now, we will look back and say, it was difficult, but we did it."

"Giving money alone," he added, "is not the way to give us the feeling that we are not alone — that we have someone to lean on.

"If a man has a factory in Puerto Rico, is it enough to cover the expenses of that business? Would he not want to go there — get the feeling that he is involved?"

To do that, Patt said, "Go to the airport at 12 o'clock at night to see the new immigrants arrive.

"This is an opportunity that should not be missed."

Tourism statistics

Jews made up 53 per cent of the tourists by air from Canada in the 1986/87 survey (the latest conducted), as compared with 65 per cent in the previous survey (1979/80).

In 1985, 1989 and 1990 (including December) about 20,000 Canadian Jews are estimated to have visited Israel, including those entering via Egypt or by sea.

About 256,000 U.S. Jews visited Israel in 1985 and 170,000 in 1990. The number of Canadian Jews is about 7 per cent of the U.S. Jewish population (310,000 compared to nearly 6 million, depending on definition); they made a proportionately higher number of visits: eight per cent of the total for U.S. Jews in 1985 and 12 per cent in 1990.

Figures supplied by the Israeli Ministry of Tourism, December 1990.

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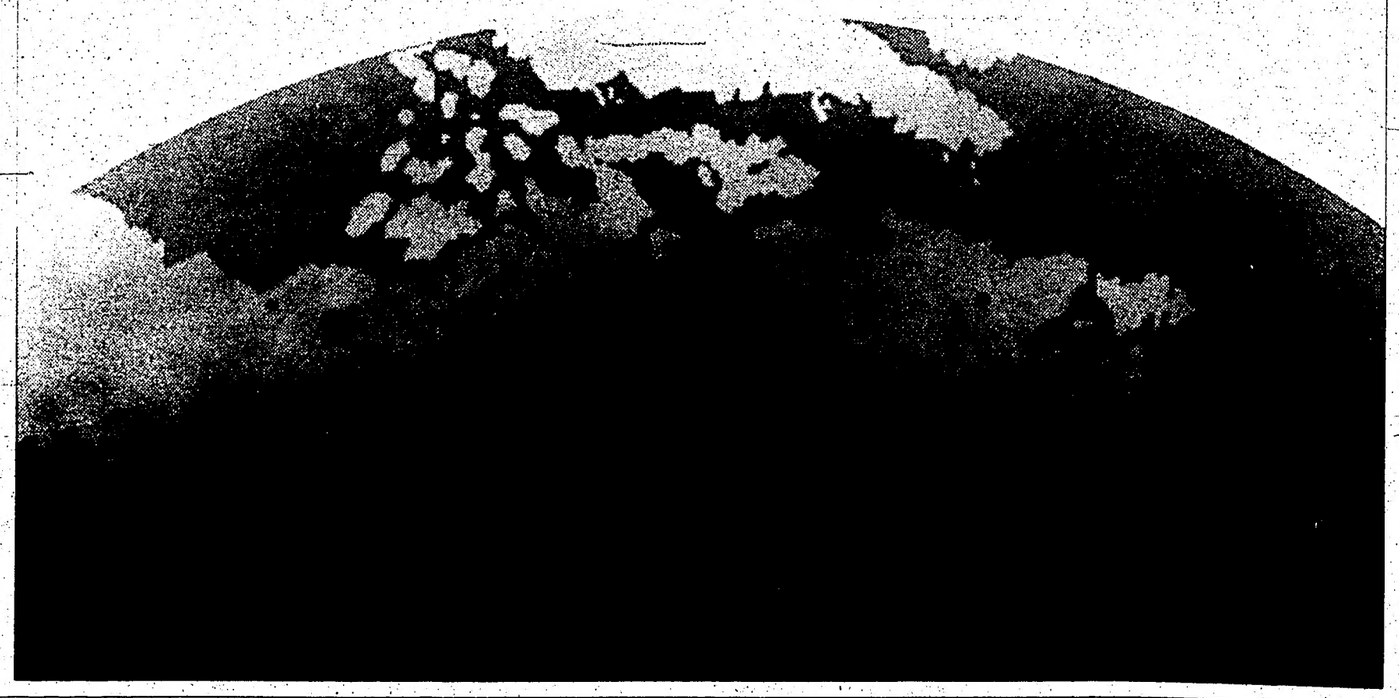

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Hate ruling just

The recent Supreme Court of Canada decision to uphold existing statutes on the wilful promotion of hate is a judicious and reasoned approach to the problem.

The court's ruling has signaled to the larger community that this democratic nation cannot be neutral in areas which threaten the racial and ethnic harmony of a country composed of diverse peoples.

Recognizing that the anti-hate laws in Canada might constitute a restriction on an absolute right to free speech guaranteed by the Charter of Rights and Freedoms, the learned judges who voted for the majority pointed out that sometimes absolute rights have to be compromised in the interest of the betterment of society.

A minority of the judges on the court and critics of the ruling have argued that those prosecuted under the provisions of the anti-hate statutes could attract sympathy and become martyrs because of media coverage. Others argue simply that the law itself will not stop hate.

What is forgotten here is that hatemongers become martyrs only when the media abandon their discretionary power and devote excessive coverage to their propaganda. Furthermore, the purpose of the legislation is not to stop hate but to restrict the wilful promotion of hate through the organs of communication.

In releasing its judgment the Supreme Court of Canada acknowledged that anti-hate laws are necessary to combat "the potentially catastrophic efforts of racial, ethnic and religious intolerance in our society."

This decision was not reached in a vacuum. Canada has had more than its fair share of racist and religious bigots who have attempted to poison the minds of Canadians against other Canadians of different skin colors, religious traditions and beliefs.

The Supreme Court of Canada's landmark decision, an unprecedented and comprehensive review of principles on the limits of free speech, has propelled this country's judiciary into an avant-garde position on the rights of target groups to resist the dissemination of hate that degrades not only them but society at large.

Important conference

On Dec. 17 and 18, a ground-breaking conference took place at the University of Toronto. It was the first Canada-U.S.S.R. academic dialogue on Jewish themes.

Sponsored officially by the centre for Russian and East European studies at the University of Toronto and the Soviet Sociological Association as well as the Soviet Academy of Sciences, the conferences heard papers on a broad spectrum of the Russian-Jewish experience.

Some of the themes addressed by the 11 Soviet, four Canadian and one American delegates included Jewish population losses in the U.S.S.R. during the Second World War, the Jews of Galicia on the eve of the Holocaust, obscure forms of anti-Semitism in the U.S.S.R., anti-Jewish propaganda in the Byelorussian mass media, the Jewish national movement in the U.S.S.R. and the link between anti-Semitism and authoritarianism.

The conference concluded with a kosher dinner tendered by the City of Toronto at the City Hall, the first such event sponsored by the municipality. Mayor Art Eggleton welcomed the delegates officially at a reception before the dinner.

The fact that this extraordinary conference even took place speaks volumes about the changed political atmosphere in the Soviet Union. That atmosphere, nurtured in part by Eduard Shevardnadze, appears all the more important in the light of his recent protest resignation against the growth of "dictatorship" in the Soviet Union.

The success of this unique Canada-U.S.S.R. conference was due in no small part to the exertions of Prof. Henry Weinberg of the French department of the University of Toronto who worked indefatigably with a small steering committee to obtain support for the conference from the appropriate academic agencies, from the government of Canada and from Jewish organizations.

In his remarks to conference delegates at the end of the sessions, Prof. Weinberg noted that it was a pleasure to hear, once again, papers delivered on Jewish themes by delegates coming from the country where modern religious Zionism was born and from cities such as Minsk, Lvov and Vilna, foyers of traditional Jewish scholarship.

It is heartening to learn that a second Canada-U.S.S.R. academic dialogue on Jewish themes has already been planned for next year. It will be held under the auspices of Soviet Sociological Association in Moscow in late December of 1991. It is to be hoped that the Toronto conference will be the first of many such intellectual encounters between Soviet and Canadian academics.

TO THE EDITOR:

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THE EMPEROR'S PRISONER

Re Sheldon Kirshner's article on Rothenburg, CJN Nov. 29.

Rabbi Meir, or as he is better known, the Maharam of Rothenburg, was not just molested by a local potentate, but by nobody else than the Emperor Rudolph Von Habsburg.

The rabbi, who was regarded as the leader of Germany's Jews, intended to emigrate to Israel as the result of numrous pogroms. In order to keep his "Kammerkneche" (hostage) as a source of income, Rudolph imprisoned the rabbi and asked for a substantial ransom for his release.

The rabbi, afraid to establish a precedent, announced opposition to buy his freedom.

Only years after his death, was Rabbi Meir ransomed and buried on the cemetery of Worms where his grave can be visited today. Rothenburg never recovered its old glory in Jewish history and has not had a rabbi for the past 150 years.

If you visit the old City Hall, do not miss the inscription on the walls: "Trau Keinem Fuchs auf Gruener Heide und Keinem Jud' bei seinem Eide." Translated: "Don't trust a fox in the forest and a Jew with his oath."

Dr. Julius Pfeiffer
Montreal

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REICHMANN DEEPLY INVOLVED

No doubt J. B. Salsberg is quite familiar with the saying in "Pirkei Avoth": "Wise men, guard your words."

No doubt, he wants to be perceived as a "wise man," but he sure put his foot into his mouth, or his pen — when he commented on the Reichmann involvement in Russian Jewry and their immigration to Israel. (CJN. Dec. 6)

For his information, there is no single person in the entire Jewish world today who is more involved with vast financial contributions, with daily activity, and constant concern than Mr. Albert Reichmann.

His singular contribution to the revival of Jewish education in the Soviet Union and religious, as well as social integration in Israel, is by now legendary. His concern relates by no means exclusively to the Orthodox, but to the entire spectrum of the Russian Jewish and the world Jewish communities.

Kurt Rothschild
Toronto

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COMMENT ON REICHMANN MISLEADING

J. B. Salsberg's comments of complaint directed at Orthodoxy's isolation from the general Jewish community, and in particular, towards the Reichmann family of Toronto, reveal his deep intolerance and lack of respect to these individuals' rights in choosing a life style — Eastern European. (CJN, Dec. 6.)

His public dismay at the Reichmanns for not assuming leadership in Operation Exodus crossed the line of good sense and taste, as well as being misinformed and therefore misleading.

Mr. and Mrs. Albert Reichmann virtually commute between Toronto and Moscow. They are daily, personally involved with the welfare of Russian Jews, establishing networks of adult education, schooling for hundreds of children, and providing communities in their new-found religious freedom with material resources and even rabbis.

As they are mavericks in the world of finance, so they are in their philanthropy. Toronto can pride itself for our ongoing response to Operation Exodus and of the Reichmanns' accomplishment within the Soviet Union.

Albert Reichmann

J. B. concludes with the 'righteous' plea not to balkanize Jewish communal life, that "there must be room in it for all!"

Obviously it is Mr. Salsberg himself who has little room in his vision of communal life for anyone far from his own religious convictions.

Rabbi Yehiel W. Benayon
Magen David Sephardic Congregation
Toronto

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QUESTIONS NIF BENEFICIARIES

I wish to respond to the letter by Harold Stern (CJN Nov. 22) which is in reply to my letter of Nov. 1. Mr. Stern defends the New Israel Fund as "a completely non-political Organization which allocates funds to such diverse groups in Israel as those fostering civil rights, rape crisis centres, battle against juvenile delinquency, illiteracy, etc." — views echoed by Alex Speigel, vice-president of the NIF of Canada (CJN Nov. 29).

True — the NIF does indeed support some non-political institutions. The entire sum of their funding, however, pales in comparison to the large grants given to groups which promote the very political agenda of the NIF.

For example, the single most heavily funded beneficiary of the NIF is the politically left-wing Association for Civil Rights in Israel (ACRI) whose semi-annual grant of $400,000 is noted in the July, 1990 NIF report.

This to an organization that repeatedly goes to court to prevent the Israeli army from carrying out counter-terrorist measures, that all too often defends the rights of Arab provocateurs at the expense of Israeli security; whose legal director at one time suggested that the Israeli deportation of Arab terrorists is comparable to the Nazis' deportation of Jews!

B'tselem — the Israeli Information Centre for Human Rights in the Occupied Territories is another NIF beneficiary. A self-appointed anti-government watchdog, each of its monthly reports contains just one sentence mentioning the number of Israeli casualties, followed by 12 pages of statistical analysis and affidavits regarding Arab casualties.

NIF largesse also supports the Jewish-Arab village of Neve Shalom, long touted as an outstanding example of Jewish-Arab co-existence.

A closer look, however, reveals that Jewish inhabitants have had in some instances to suppress their identity lest their Arab neighbors take offence. For example: Because of Arab objections to Jews celebrating Yom Haatzmaut in this Israeli village, Jewish citizens wishing to observe Israel's National Independence Day had to go to Jerusalem or Tel Aviv in order to do so.

Other groups funded by the NIF include the Association of 40 for the Recognition of Arab villages, the Association for the Defence of Bedouin Rights in Israel, Social Development Committee tackling the harsh social and economic conditions in the Arab neighborhoods of Haifa, Netivei Ahva for "the neglected Arab neighborhood of Jaffa," the Centre for Jewish-Arab Economic Development which "works to improve job opportunities for Arab Citizens of Israel." The impression left by these groups is that they must fund a suffering Arab population whose needs are ignored by an uncaring Israel government!

The New Israel Fund, established in 1979 in San Francisco, is essentially a North American institution, which shares its roots with other groups who are critical of the Government of Israel such as the Committee on New Alternatives in the Middle East (CONAME), Breira, which is devoted to the idea that a Palestinian state must be established in Judaea, Samaria and Gaza, the New Jewish Agenda, which meets with PLO officials, and Friends of Peace Now, whose spokesmen are the "darlings" of the anti-Israel media.

At this most critical moment in the life of Israel, when Western leaders are fawning at the feet of Arab oil tyrants with implicit promises to "deliver" Israel as a "reward" for permitting the Western alliance to defend them, and while the grim scenario of a "face-saving" deal that would enable Saddam Hussein to evacuate Kuwait at the expense of Israel is being played out, it is simply incomprehensible that any Jewish organization should focus its attention on such issues as Israeli army action to quell disorders, while at the same time they disregard the Arab terrorist instigators.

The Toronto Zionist Council is not aligned with any political party — either here or in Israel. It has supported every Israeli government since Israel's rebirth.

We cannot now stand by silently while Israel's endangered vital interests are further threatened by some of our own people who appear to have forgotten Hillel's dictum: "Im ain ani li, Mi li" — "If I am not for myself, who will be?"

Helen Smolack
President
Toronto Zionist Council

name game

There is a story in almost every Jewish surname and Toronto lawyer FRED M. CATZMAN has been researching their origins over the past few years. Mr. Catzman reports on his research in The CJN.

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MOLDAVER — BENDER

The Moldaver family takes its name from Moldavia. This region which lay between Romania and the Ukraine had a Black Sea port which interested Turkey and was the target of annexation by its powerful neighbors for centuries. It was ultimately annexed by the Soviet Union together with the Baltic republics after the Second World War.

It contains the town of Bendery from which comes the surname Bender. It also includes Kishinev, the site of a pogrom in 1903 which stimulated the quest for Zionism.

Opinion

Yiddish cultural creativity recalled

Visit to Jewish N.Y. evokes memories of past

By
J. B. SALSBERG

After a few years of absence I revisited a sector, a declining sector, of Jewish New York; — the Yiddish literary, cultural and educational sector of greater New York.

J.B. Salsberg

That extended weekend visit was initiated by a decision of The Zhitlowsky Foundation for Jewish Secular Culture, centred in New York, to grant their 31st annual citation to poor me, your humble servant who, as age permits, still toils in the vineyards of Yiddish cultural life.

If those in authority would have consulted me beforehand I would have recommended quite a number of more deserving Canadian Jewish personalities for that honor. But they didn't, and I went to New York to be a "recipient" of an honoring token.

But fear not, my esteemed readers, I have no intention to burden you with the details of the N.Y. affair; an affair enacted at a mid-day luncheon in one of New York's well-known, downtown hotels. (Yes, according to the opinion of those present, it was a successful affair.)

What I do desire to exchange with you are some memories that that event triggered in my mind. They were memories of another era and another social and cultural setting in the evolution of the North American Jew and the economic and social circumstances that shaped the process of those changes.

I first arrived in New York (from Toronto) in 1921 or '22. I was, to use a modern phrase, "drafted" to come to New York to assume the newly-created role of "General Secretary of the Young Poale Zion of America," the newly-formed youth branch of the Poale Zion (Labor Zionist) movement; the movement that was led by such as Ben-Tzvi, who later became the first president of the reborn Jewish state and of Ben-Gurion, who became the legendary leader of reborn Israel.

How old was I when I came first to New York? Let's say about 21 or 22. It was a leap from a total Orthodox background to the cause of rebuilding Jewish statehood on the basis of "prophetic social justice."

What was Jewish New York, or its renowned "East Side" then?

The Poalei Zion headquarters were located in East Broadway, a street in the heart of the old East Side, that was in the shadow of the "towering," 10-storey building of the "Forverts," the Yiddish Socialist daily that, believe it or not, had the largest daily circulation of any Socialist daily, in any language, in the world. It was not, at that time, pro-Zionist.

But, such were the conditions of the time, that after a couple of weeks in my new "leadership" position, the leader of the "Yipsels" or Young Peoples Socialist League (was his name Novak?) rushed breathlessly into my East Broadway office, across from Rutgers Square, and asked for a speaker from the Young Poale Zion to address his open air meeting.

But there was no one present to do that, I tried to explain to him. "Then you come," he pleaded. But I'm a Canadian who just arrived, how can I speak about an American political issue? "Never mind," he said, "you must come." And, of course, I went.

I mounted a wagon, from which the horse had been detached, and in the name of young Poalei Zionism, endorsed the political propositions that "Yipsel" had advanced . . .

Such was my galloping introduction to Jewish New York! Don't, dear readers, hold it against me. Such were the times. And they were stirring times.

New York City, with its hundreds of thousands of the Jewish immigrant generation, was a massive Jewish social and cultural laboratory. It was the new home of Orthodox immigrants, as it was the longed-for haven of Zionists, Labor Zionists, Socialists, Anarchists, the Workmen's Circle, the Farband, and, even active Vegetarian societies. Each had its official publication.

The militant, burgeoning "Jewish trade unions" had their central and sectoral weeklies or monthlies. To top it all there was then the world-renowned daily Yiddish press in New York; the Forverts, the Varheit, Tageblat, Morgen Journal and, later, die Tzeit (Poalei Zion organ under the editorship of the famous dramatist, David Pinsky) and, later, of the "Frei heit."

As for the Yiddish theatres, I was dazzled by them. There were, what was called "shund," cheap melodrama theatres, but there was also Maurice Schwarts's world-famous "kunst" (art) theatre and good, legitimate theatres the like of Ben Ami, Kalish etc. etc.

New York had, by the early '20s become a major and rapidly-growing centre of Yiddish literary creativity. It was surpassing Warsaw, Vilno and Moscow in the number and quality of Yiddish poets, novelists, dramatists, essayists etc.

Yes, my dear readers, the Jewish New York that I was introduced to in the early '20s of this century was a world full of dynamism, of creativity, of visions, of hopes and of dreams.

Last weekend, as I was cited for the small, humble contribution that I may have made during my mature life, I couldn't help but think of that exciting Jewish past in New York and all of North America and to compare it with our present . . .

We shall, so to speak, try to return to our present, as it appears to this humble scribe.

Canadian Jewry's most serious question

Groups' battle over turf only hurts the community

By
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The first column of the new civil year is devoted to the most serious question facing Canadian Jewry at the present .

Rabbi Plaut

I am not referring to anti-Semitism, nor to the problems of Jewish education (or rather, the lack thereof), nor to the tenuous relations between the powers at External Affairs and the needs of Israel.

I am speaking of the quarrels which beset the organized Canadian Jewish community, to be more precise, the current tensions between B'nai Brith and Canadian Jewish Congress. The tensions are not new, but their tone and character have changed for the worse.

There is no point to discuss who is to blame. It is far more important to get the two sides together and arrange matters peaceably so that the whole community be served with dignity and efficiency.

Fortunately, enough leaders are deeply concerned with this state of affairs, persons who believe with all their hearts that our joint energies should be devoted to pursuing common goals and not to internecine quarrels and turf protection.

I am glad to say that these leaders want to right the load on the tilting wagon of our voyage into the future. The need is there and the hour is late, but not too late.

If nothing is done and we allow things to go on, blaming everyone except our own group and colleagues, and shouting "Foul!" when the other side steals a march, we will all be in trouble. The organizations must make peace or at least declare a truce and, to start with, allow the Canada-Israel Committee (commonly known as CIC) to function properly and effectively.

At this point, I have purposely expressed myself in generalities, for no purpose is served at this time to point the finger and exhibit to the public what goes on behind some closed doors. But if nothing happens, that too may become a necessity, and then our Jewish community will have the last word.

So, some "marriage counselling" is now going on to prevent a nasty divorce, with all that such a battle would entail. I hope the effort to re-inject a sense of sanity and vision will succeed and that those who want to make peace will not be as roughly treated as referees often are. Of course, the peace makers are not referees, they are not trying to say "right" to one party and "wrong" to the other.

What they want to do is blow the whistle on the whole game that is being played now, because — much like hockey — it has become more concerned with high-sticking and boarding than with passing the puck.

Enough for today. Mine is a cri de coeur, for I see the community suffering. There is still time to come to the rescue, but that time is running short. As the Pirkei Avot say: "The Master of the House is pressing."

Student centre needed at U of T

Outreach programs important for Jews on campus

By
ELAINE KAHN

Close friends know that my admiration for good teachers (whether officially certified or just a person from whom one learns a lot) is strong — old close friends know that it can approach a religious experience.

Elaine Kahn

It's not a fluke that, my husband's other sterling (or even tin) qualities aside, it was his ability to make anything sound interesting that hooked me.

Universities hold a mystic fascination for me. I was first on a campus as a pre-teen, watching my Uncle Otto graduate from University of Toronto medical school. My father always made it perfectly clear that I was expected to go to U of T also, and I did. A place where people teach and learn and argue, in class, over coffee and in the campus pub — if there is a heaven on earth, it's on some campus somewhere.

My life since kindergarten has beaten to the rhythm of the school calendar year. There is an energy present in September, even with fall imminent, that is totally lacking on Dec. 31, let alone on the morning after.

Still, it's hard to avoid the superstition of making resolutions this week. So I've resolved to break my self-imposed rule against promoting particular institutions here, to make a pitch.

The University of Toronto needs a proper Jewish student centre, preferably with residence space.

Is there an angel out there willing to make it happen?

Possibly a transplanted Montrealer, Winnipegger or South African, who hasn't yet assimilated the quaint local custom of being ashamed to be publicly Jewish, especially in an Establishment setting like U. of T.?

Or does no such student centre-cum-dormitory exist partly because we, as a community, would be unable to reach an agreement making the place Jewishly non-denominational? A kosher cafeteria naturally, but religious services offered from all four major denominational groups and no tefillin police allowed in the rooms after 10 p.m.?

Toronto is a strange and inconsistent animal, Jewishly. There's a lot of money here, recession or no, but little will to spend it here for Jewish things, be they academic (past Grade 12), cultural (the underfunded Book Fair and messed up Jewish public library being prime examples) or "spiritual" (being a fund raiser for a shul ranking as a less honorable profession for a nice Jewish boy or girl than being put on the Jays farm team).

Jewish donors to U of T are numerous and generous — and still trying to pass as white. Major donations are given to many academic disciplines, but "parochial" university-targetted tzedakkah is usually sent to Israel.

I've got nothing against Israeli universities — in one of my other lives, I even do some writing for one of them — but this is a ludicrous situation for the largest Jewish community in Canada.

It also gives the very strong message of "Jews in Israel can study Jewish for us," without the foresight to see that lack of facilities here makes many of us drain our brains to the United States.

Jewish studies at U of T? Well, Yiddish is about to be cut and there is still no Jewish studies department and no academic chairs. A centre for Jewish studies has just been set up (complementing the fledgling Centre for Jewish Studies at York) but still, in Toronto lingo, we're a long long way from becoming a "world class" locus of Jewish scholarship.

I was sent to U of T from Oshawa partly because it would be a chance for me to meet Jews (read "a husband"). I learned quickly that Hillel was for nebs, so more or less avoided it. It never occurred to me to try to meet other Jews by going uptown to one of the local shuls on Shabbat — then, as now, that was not the form my Jewish observance took.

This was almost 20 years ago and I recently heard from an unimpeachable source that things have not really changed. Jews from smaller centres still send their children to U of T to meet Jews, not realizing that most of the Jews on campus are native Torontonians who vanish when class is over (while this is also true of York University here, Jews in the boonies should note that Jews now make up slightly less than 6 per cent of the student body at U of T while 40 per cent of York's students are Jewish).

There is no outreach from shuls to the out-of-towners at U of T and, when they do drop in for Shabbat at the larger synagogues nearest the main campus, they're not actively welcomed and see few people their own age.

As my source said, they'd have more contact with Jewish life back in Saskatoon. Or Oshawa.

Is it really so hard to believe that a wonderful Jewish student centre on campus would not only keep the natives around after class, but also allow students who come from across the country to develop the sense of Jewish community some of them seek?

Next week:
Soviet Jewry conference is the first-of-its-kind

Features

Israeli novelist honed talents on short stories

By
SHELDON KIRSHNER

TORONTO —

A.B. Yehoshua chuckles when he reminds himself of the time his high school teacher tore his essay to shreds.

"I got a very negative mark," he recalls. "The teacher was very correct. I realized how lousy I was in my writing."

He pauses for effect. "I improved myself."

Yehoshua, who was just 17 when that blow to his ego was administered, has never looked back.

Today, at 54; he is one of Israel's preeminent Hebrew writers, a novelist, short story writer, playwright and essayist whom American critic Cynthia Ozick has described as "a mighty artist."

A small, gnomish man with gray curly hair and an enormously engaging manner, Yehoshua has an impressive list of titles to his credit. There are novels like *The Lover*, *A Late Divorce* and *Five Seasons*, two collections of stories, *Early in the Summer* and *Three Days and a Child*, and a collection of political essays, *Between Right and Right*.

His latest novel, *Mr. Money*, which he considers his finest, has yet to be translated into English.

Marion Richmond, a Canadian specialist in Hebrew literature, explains that Yehoshua is best known for his penetrating psychological insights into Israeli society and for his humor. "His novels are intricately organized, with different levels of meaning reflecting both the real and symbolic worlds of his characters."

The Lover deals with a young Arab who falls in love with the daughter of his Jewish employer, while *A Late Divorce* tells of a professor who returns briefly to Israel from his home in America to pursue a divorce from his schizophrenic wife. *Five Seasons* explores a man's emotional development in the aftermath of his wife's death. Most of his protagonists are plagued by indecisiveness, by the abyss between intention and deed, as the Encyclopedia Judaica notes.

Yehoshua, the man himself, is anything but indecisive, as a 45-minute conversation with him demonstrates. He was here as a guest of the International Festival of Authors.

Curled up in a chair, in a hotel suite with a marvellous view of Lake Ontario on a brilliant autumn afternoon, Yehoshua confessed that he didn't even want to be a writer, but a lawyer. "This," he adds mischieviously, "was also my mother's dream."

Yet writing, he acknowledges, was in his blood. At school in Jerusalem and later in the army, he dashed off humorous sketches and monologues which he invariably read out loud. "By the time I was 20, after military service as a paratrooper in the Sinai war, I knew I wanted to be a writer."

Honing his talents on short stories, Yehoshua did not write his first novel, *The Lover*, until his early 40s. Asked what took him so long, he replies: "Short stories are more difficult to write than novels. They're a good school for writers. Chekhov didn't write any novels. The discipline of the short story is very important. That's something I always tell young writers. To write a short story, you really have to concentrate. To train yourself in the novel, you write short stories."

When he sat down to write *The Lover*, the short story form was not far from his mind. "It is composed of monologues," he says of *The Lover*. "I could control it. I was not embarking on an unknown journey."

Yehoshua says *The Lover* explores "the reality of a polarized Israel through different points of view. I wanted to create a panoramic picture of Israel."

Although the Israeli Nobel laureate A.J. Agnon and the Czech-Jewish novelist Franz Kafka have been major influences on him, William Faulkner has probably had the deepest impact. "Faulkner, the greatest writer of this century, taught me the importance of using 'national myths' to describe the realities of a society. Kafka looked at the world differently, and Agnon translated these notions into Jewish reality."

Yehoshua is a slow writer, and this was particularly true during his apprenticeship after he settled down in Haifa following a four-year sojourn in Paris. "It was very difficult. I had to work a lot to create a little. Today, it's less hard. But I feel it's dangerous to write too quickly. You lose control."

Such meticulousness pays off in practical terms. "Generally, I revise very little," he says.

Nowadays, he composes his works on a computer, but admits it initially intimidated him. "I was very much reluctant to switch to a computer. But now it's good. I became addicted."

Most days at home, he spends from four to five hours a day on his writing. When he is not chained down to his computer, he teaches modern literature at Haifa University. Yehoshua, who earned a BA degree in Hebrew literature and philosophy at the Hebrew University, professes to be an "interpreter of texts" rather than a scholar.

A.B. Yehoshua (Alron photo)

For a long time, despite the shower of critical acclaim, Yehoshua was loath to call himself "a writer." As he puts it: "I never wrote 'writer' in application forms, but, rather, 'teacher.' Writing was not something you could make a living from. This is a recent development."

With all of his books still in print, Yehoshua earns a "comfortable" income as a writer. *Five Seasons*, which appeared in English last year, has so far registered 35,000 sales in Israel, a phenomenal figure for a country that size.

His stories have been translated into some 10 languages, including Arabic. "One of the happiest moments of my life was when Naguib Mahfouz said he liked *The Lover*." Mahfouz, an Egyptian, was the first Arab to win the Nobel Prize in literature, an honor that was bestowed on him in 1988.

Yehoshua speaks enthusiastically about *Mr. Money*, which, he claims, is his most mature and accomplished novel. "It's a very complicated story, a fusion of the short story and the novel, of imagination and history." Composed of five conversations, *Mr. Money* chronicles 140 years in the life of the Yishuv and a Sephardi family living in Palestine.

He is now at work on a play about "women in love." It is not, he hastens to add, about lesbianism. It'll be his first play in a long while. In 1969, when he was gaining recognition as an author, Yehoshua wrote *A Night in May*, a psychological play of how a Jerusalem family copes with the mounting tensions on the eve of the Six Day War.

Is he planning a new novel? "I don't know. I'm not in a hurry. It's not healthy for a writer to produce all the time. It's important to take a break in order to absorb the world around him."

Politically, Yehoshua is dovish, as a reading of *Between Right and Right* indicates. "Every people," he observes, "has a right to self-determination," referring to the Jews of Israel and the Palestinians.

The Palestinians, he says, are entitled to a state of their own on the West Bank and the Gaza Strip. "But it must be demilitarized forever. They (the Palestinians) are ready for this, I think." Ideally, Yehoshua favors a confederation linking Israel and Jordan with a Palestinian state "in a kind of Common Market."

For years after the Six Day War, he was pessimistic about the chances of an Arab-Israeli peace settlement. "But after Anwar Sadat's trip to Jerusalem in 1977, I changed my mind." Recent developments have reinforced his thinking. "The Berlin Wall fell into pieces, Eastern Europe was freed. So why can't the Jews and the Arabs settle their differences? Peace is possible, even tomorrow."

The crisis in the Persian Gulf hasn't altered his views.

In his view, a resolution of the Palestinian issue remains imperative. PLO leader Yasser Arafat, he believes, has recognized Israel — "not because he loves Israel but because he has no choice." And what of Arafat's close identification with Iraq? "It's a function of his total despair."

The Israeli government, Yehoshua says, must be more forthcoming toward the Palestinians. "The government's attitude is stupid and nonsensical. There will be more bloodshed if it doesn't change."

Suddenly, he grew irritated. "Blood, blood, blood... until the next war."

Like virtually every peacenik, Yehoshua is hawkish on Iraq. "Its military power has to be destroyed. There is no alternative but war against Iraq. You don't have to enter Baghdad to fight this war. Iraq is extremely dangerous — to Israel and the Arab world. Israel doesn't have to be involved in a war — though Iraq may fire missiles at us."

In closing, Yehoshua says that Israel's founding fathers would not be disappointed with modern-day Israel. "They'd be astonished. Israel is an immense achievement. Take, for example, the high level of culture in Israel, the number of people who go to concerts and buy books. Israel, with all its problems, is a very cultured country." The mass immigration of Soviet Jews to Israel gratifies him. "The Soviet aliya is a great joy, especially to someone like me. I don't need the territories. I need more Jews. This is a wonderful aliya. It shows that Zionism was right. Soviet Jews have somewhere to go."

Richler's writings prompt self-examination

By
GIL KEZWER

Canada's irascible satirist, Mordecai Richler, has been often rapped over his literary knuckles for his irreverent views on Jewish life. Now some of those painful passages have been formally critiqued by Toronto educator Rachel Feldhay Brenner.

The failure of Canadian Jewry to provide communal leadership runs as a motif through Richler's novels, Brenner said in a recent interview. But is the Jewish community's criticism of Richler misplaced?

"I consider it a certain shallowness and lack of self-insight on the part of the Canadian Jewish community. Richler's writings are an indictment of the community, but at the same time they lead us to self-examination. One of the issues Richler raises is materialism. In *Son of a Smaller Hero* and *The Apprenticeship of Duddy Kravitz*, what we find is the older generation did not communicate traditional Jewish values.

"This is the real indictment."

Brenner's recent study, *Assimilation and Assertion: the Response to the Holocaust in Mordechai Richler's Writing* (Peter Lang, New York), speaks volumes about anti-Semitism in Canada in the 1930s and 1940s and the sense of powerlessness it engendered in the Jewish community of that era.

A Canada Research Fellow affiliated with York University's Centre for Jewish Studies, Brenner examines Richler's recurring metaphor of the Jew avenging the Holocaust or anti-Semitism, which crops up or is featured prominently in most of his fiction. She cites the figures of TV producer Jake Hersh in *St. Urbain's Horseman* (1971), who gradually divorces himself from reality to pursue an imaginary avenger of the six million; Joey, the International Brigade hero in *Joshua Then and Now* (1980); and even Solomon Gursky, who shows up at Entebbe Airport in Richler's newest novel, *Solomon Gursky Was Here* (1989), to participate in the July 4, 1976, rescue of hostages held by Ugandan dictator Idi Amin. (The themes are absent from *The Apprenticeship of Duddy Kravitz* (1959) and *Son of a Smaller Hero* (1955).)

Brenner notes that Richler, in the autobiographical sections of his essays and articles, frequently refers to the ever-present threat of racial hatred that pervaded his childhood. For example, in his 1975 Saturday Night review of Lita-Rosa Betcherman's *The Swastika and the Maple Leaf: Fascist Movements in Canada in the Thirties*, Richler — who was born in 1931 — opens with the following ironically resentful observation:

"...I also recall that when we were boys, growing up in Montreal, we took anti-Semitism for granted. It was part of our Canadian heritage. Like maple syrup or the governor general. I should immediately point out that the latter office was then filled by the First Lord Tweedsmuir of Elsfield, better known as John Buchan...(who) was a pernicious anti-Semite."

"In every essay (about Richler) you will have something about his Jewishness," Brenner says. "Most essays about him strive to see some universalism in Richler. Certainly nobody has explored Richler's response to the Holocaust."

In her view, the Holocaust years, including figures like Quebec Nazi leader Adrien Arcand, colored Richler's consciousness as a writer.

"Richler is very uncertain about the fate of the Jew in the post-Holocaust world, and his uncertainty is demonstrated in his writing. I'm exploring the way in which the consciousness of the Holocaust has affected the mind and the creativity of a North American Jewish writer."

Richler is careful not to trivialize the Shoah, Brenner asserts. She cites his 1972 essay, After the Holocaust, which appears in *Shovelling Trouble*, in which he castigates writers and artists who exploit the Holocaust for cheap dramatic effect.

"What's interesting about Richler is that he is adamant in his wish to incorporate his ethnic Jewishness. He's not ashamed of it and he's not shy about it. The Jewish community does not really recognize this.

"Richler has really not been accepted by either the Canadian or Jewish establishment. I think this is a syndrome that has to be examined. While the Jewish community accuses Richler of anti-Semitism, the artistic milieu claims that his identity is Jewish and not Canadian."

(Feisty Farley Mowat triggered a literary fracas in the fall of 1989 by questioning Richler's Canadian loyalty after he came out in favor of free trade. According to Dennis Kucherawy, the Toronto journalist whose interviews with Richler and Mowat set off the controversy, Canadian Jewish Congress misinterpreted Mowat's remarks about cultural nationalism as being anti-Semitic. Kucherawy told The CJN the whole incident "was making a mountain out of a molehill.")

Ironically, Brenner says, Jews read Richler's novels and enjoy his often outrageous humor, and then protest alleged anti-Semitism.

"He picks up on the displacement of the Jew. The Jewish community does not want to see itself that way, and projects its own uncertainty back on him, claiming he is a confused Jew.

"What Richler does, in a very astute way, is to observe and describe satirically the things he sees. No satirist has ever been liked by or accepted by his readers. A satirist is by definition a critic. And criticism is never well accepted."

Those insights into the North American Jewish world, Brenner says, make him a valuable but under-appreciated writer for that community. Conversely, she suggests, the artistic establishment shows a parochial bent for excluding hyphenated Canadian artists from being mainstream.

"Richler is a very complicated, controversial presence but I think he's a very necessary one. Because it bothers us — both Jews and Canadians. And I think that people, in order to change, have to be bothered. This is part of cultural education — that we have to be bothered. Sometimes he does it more successfully and sometimes less successfully than one might wish in terms of his art. But I think that's basically what he's trying to do."

For Richler, the Jew is a defender of freedom, as well as avenger of his own people. He is a fighter for oppressed people everywhere.

Brenner suggests that Richler's real-life encounter with a former Nazi on the Spanish island of Ibiza, fictionalized in *Joshua Then and Now*, was seminal in his development as a writer. Facing trumped-up charges of espionage, he stood helpless before his persecutor, his passport offering no protection.

"I want to present Richler not as a Jewish writer but as one who is very sincere, courageous, open about his ethnicity and self-critical. Whether we agree with that or not, we have to acknowledge it.

"The history of Canadian literature will certainly have to reappraise Richler. But I think that the history of Jewish writing will also have to reckon with him."

Backgrounder

Estimated cost of absorbing olim could be $40 billion

Mass immigration of Soviet Jews testing Israel

THE JEWISH WORLD

By
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The mass migration of Soviet Jews to Israel is testing Israel's adaptability and capacity to absorb the largest number of immigrants since 1949.

The challenge facing the Jewish state as another year begins is daunting. Together with the maintenance of national security, the absorption of new olim ranks as Israel's chief priority.

The immigrants must not only be brought to Israel and integrated as painlessly as possible under increasingly difficult economic circumstances. They must be provided with employment, preferably compatible jobs, else they may be looking for greener pastures abroad.

Several years ago, few could have envisioned the scale of the current Soviet aliya. Jewish emigration from the Soviet Union increased incrementally in the 1970s, rising from 4,000 in 1970 to 51,000 in 1979. But as Soviet-American relations deteriorated in the early 1980s, the number of Jews leaving the Soviet Union plummeted from 21,000 in 1980 to 1,000 in 1985.

Emigration reached a penultimate low in 1986, when only 900 Jews were able to leave (the figure in 1984 was almost 900). But as the new Soviet leader, Mikhail Gorbachev, unveiled historic reforms, the floodgates were gradually opened. Emigration jumped from 8,000 in 1987 to 18,000 in 1988 and 71,000 in 1989. Official figures for 1990 were not available at this writing, but well in excess of 200,000 Soviet Jews are believed to have emigrated last year, mostly to Israel. In 1949, Israel received a record 239,000 immigrants.

If Simcha Dinitz, chairman of the Jewish Agency, is correct, more than 300,000 Soviet immigrants will arrive in Israel this year. (Several thousand olim from other destinations are also expected). In 1992, he forecasts, even more Soviet Jews will emigrate. These are staggering statistics for a country whose Jewish population is 3.7 million (or 81 per cent of the total).

The costs, too, are monumental. Israel is planning to spend about $6 billion (U.S.) on immigrant absorption in 1991, nearly four times as much as in the previous year, and perhaps as much as $40 billion within the next few years.

Part of the expenses will be defrayed by fundraising in the Diaspora (Operation Exodus) and foreign aid, particularly from the United States. But Israel will have to bear the monetary brunt of this enormous inflow.

Last September, the Israeli government announced sales tax and capital gains tax increases, but these unpopular measures were allowed to lapse. Late in November, in face of the realization that new taxes were unavoidable, the government finally raised the personal tax rate and the sales tax. And in an austerity measure, the range of governmental services to new immigrants was cut.

Soviet immigrants in Israel do not have to cope with food shortages, but they do face a housing problem, given Israel's state of unpreparedness.

Housing Minister Ariel Sharon acknowledges that the government hasn't been able to keep pace with the influx. Building starts are at least one year behind schedule. As a result of the shortfall, upwards of one-third of the immigrants share rental apartments with two to three families.

The state comptroller has criticized the government for "short-sightedness, inaction and blunders." On Nov. 5, the Labor party introduced a non-confidence motion in the Knesset, chastising the government for its failure to build sufficient housing.

It was only recently that construction began on 4,000 of 45,000 units designated for immigrants. A further 250,000 units were subsequently ordered when officials belatedly realized that their projections were out of tune with reality. But because construction methods in Israel tend to be slow, the government has decided to import thousands of prefab and mobile homes to meet current and perhaps future demands.

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Kibbutzim and the Israel Defence Force are pitching in. The United Kibbutz Movement (Takam) has taken in 1,600 immigrants, hoping to absorb about 30,000, while the IDF has promised to put up 20,000 olim in army bases and recreation centres. Displaced soldiers will be moved into tents.

An immigrant from the Soviet Union steps off the plane at Ben-Gurion Airport. [IPPA photo]

If things get really bad, immigrants may settle in the territories on a fairly regular basis, where housing is considerably cheaper thanks to government subsidies. As things stand now, something like one per cent of the olim move into settlments beyond the Green Line, while eight per cent end up in West and East Jerusalem.

It may be that some new immigrants will be forced to live in tent encampments, as in the 1950s, Absorption Minister Yitzhak Peretz has suggested. Tent "cities," housing some 1,500 families, have already sprouted up in about 30 separate localities. But these tent dwellers are Israelis who've been squeezed out of their existing rental accommodations and largely replaced by Soviet immigrants. In all cases, they were driven out by rising rents they could not afford.

By and large, the tent dwellers are from the lower middle-class whose salaries couldn't keep up with inflation. Some have staged angry protests (even in front of the Prime Minister's Office), burned tires and requested refugee status from the United Nations Relief & Works Agency, the organization that assists Palestinian refugees.

Apart from a scarcity of housing, Soviet immigrants face a job crisis, which is delayed for about six months as they initially study Hebrew at ulpanim.

The government, which is coping with an unemployment rate of nine per cent, wants to create 560,000 jobs by 1995 — the equivalent of 40 million in the United States.

Israel's high-technology sector may well absorb some of the immigrants, the majority of whom are well-educated. It's debatable whether they'll accept menial jobs formerly held by Palestinians from the West Bank and the Gaza Strip.

In any case, Israel will doubtlessly rely on foreign investment to generate new sources of employment. Without it, there may be long breadlines.

As if Soviet immigrants do not have enough problems already, they've been sucked into the vortex of the perennial Who is a Jew? issue by virtue of Absorption Minister Yitzhak Peretz's assertion that 40 per cent of them may not actually be Jews.

Peretz, an ultra-Orthodox politician from the Shas party, claims that seven million people in the Soviet Union are theoretically eligible to receive Israeli citizenship under the Law of Return, which admits Jews, partial Jews and their non-Jewish spouses, children and grandchildren.

"We are flooding our country with non-Jewish Russians," he said. "...we will regret this for generations."

By contrast, the Interior Ministry says that five per cent of the Soviets are non-Jewish.

Michael Kleiner, chairman of the Knesset's immigration and absorption committee, has called for an amendment to the Law of Return that would exclude non-Jewish grandchildren unless they're accompanied by at least one Jewish grandparent.

Observers do not believe his amendment will be adopted.

Not surprisingly, Soviet aliya has become a political football.

David Levy, the foreign minister whose previous portfolio was housing, has been accused of being responsible for the dearth of new apartments. There is speculation that Sharon, his future rival for the Likud leadership, may have fomented that accusation, and leaked a report to Yediot Achronot that Levy's aides burned piles of official documents and records on the last night of their minister's tenure at the housing department.

Levy has lambasted cabinet colleagues who haven't defended him from "base and baseless attacks," while aides have spread the word that Levy's advance warnings of a housing shortfall were ignored.

At the same time, Sharon has clashed with Finance Minister Yitzhak Moda'i.

Moda'i has belittled Sharon's crash building program on the ground that it will lead to debilitating inflation and unemployment. He argues that jobs take precedence over housing, and that until they find adequate employment, the newcomers can live in tents if necessary.

Sharon, disagreeing with Modai's analysis, has gone as far as accusing him of deliberately trying to sabotage his housing plans.

Matsushita called adherent of boycott

Ominous questions raised by takeover of MCA

By
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NEW YORK (JTA) —

The takeover of the Hollywood entertainment conglomerate MCA by a Japanese company has raised questions about Japanese compliance with the Arab-led boycott of Israel, and the extent to which compliance may decline with Japan's growing role in American businesses.

A leading Jewish organization has charged that Matsushita Electric Industrial Company, which acquired MCA recently in a deal valued at over $6 billion, "is a slavish adherent of the Arab-led economic boycott of Israel."

The World Jewish Congress said Matsushita has refused to open stores or production facilities in Israel because of its adherence to the boycott, meaning that Panasonic products, for example, are only available in Israel through third-party distributors.

Although the anti-boycott laws of the United States make it virtually impossible for Matsushita to halt sale of MCA films to Israel, Jewish organizations see this takeover as an opportunity to educate people about the boycott.

Specifically, they see the need to pressure Japanese companies into breaking the primary boycott, that of an Arab ban on sales to Israel, and secondarily, the boycott of companies that sell to Israel. Matsushita is just one of almost a dozen Japanese companies that follow the economic boycott of Israel, along with Toshiba, Canon, Toyota, Nissan, Mazda, Hitachi and Nippon Steel, according to organizations monitoring compliance.

"The two countries that are most open in following the precepts of the Arab boycott are Japan and South Korea," said Rabbi Abraham Cooper, associate dean at the Wiesenthal Center in Los Angeles. "The Japanese attitude about the boycott unfortunately has been, by and large, not only zealous adherence to the primary boycott but also the secondary," he said.

But Cooper and others monitoring boycott compliance said the increasing number of Japanese companies operating subsidiaries here may bode well for the loosening of the boycott of Israel, given both the anti-boycott laws of the United States and the need to make a profit.

Over the past few years, Japanese exports to Israel have almost doubled, from $174 million in 1984 to $318 million in 1989; and imports have quadrupled from $181 million in 1984 to $758 million last year, according to figures supplied by the Japanese consulate.

Still, Japan's national airline does not fly to Israel, Japanese ships will not drop anchor in Israeli ports and Japanese banks do not provide long-term credit for financing exports to Israel, according to William Rapfogel, executive director for the Institute of Public Affairs, a monitoring arm of the Union of Orthodox Jewish Congregations of America.

"As a government, we don't encourage or discourage trade with Israel, and if a company doesn't want to we can't force them," said Japanese Vice Consul Yoichi Mikami in New York. "But the reality is that Japanese companies are starting to do business with Israel," added Mikami.

The economic boycott started in 1951, when the 21 members of the Arab League issued a prohibition on economic activities pertaining to Israel. The boycott is aimed not only at direct economic ties to Israel, but at ending relations with companies that do business with Israel. While most Arab countries and companies follow the economic boycott, compliance has been less strong among non-Arab companies, leading the Arabs to maintain a blacklist of these companies and boycott them as well.

At best, this boycott of firms that trade with Israel has been sporadic. Many U.S. arms suppliers that supply Israel with weapons are not on any Arab blacklist, and many companies find that if their product is important enough to the Arab states, selling to Israel will not hamper business relations.

"The enforcement of the boycott through the Arab office is rather uneven," said Elan Steinberg, executive director of the World Jewish Congress. "When companies resist the boycott, the Arab boycotters generally give in because they need the products."

In the United States, compliance with the boycott was effectively banned in 1977, with passage of the federal Export-Import Act, which prohibits companies from both upholding the boycott and giving Arab officials information about a company's dealings with Israel.

The Federal Commerce Department maintains an Office of Anti-Boycott Compliance, through which adherence to the anti-boycott law is enforced by way of fines, denial of export licenses and opening criminal charges against the alleged offender.

During the fiscal year of 1989, the office levied a total of $1.11 million in fines, while this past year the total levied was $830,000, against companies including Ford Motor Company, Continental Bank of Chicago and Dover Corp. in New York, said Mary Martin, acting director of compliance policy.

Martin said the office can and does go after foreign companies that have established U.S. subsidiaries, but the law does not permit the parent company to be held responsible if it is not a U.S. company, Martin said.

People involved in monitoring boycott compliance said the Japanese government is one of the prime offenders primarily because of practical rather than ideological reasons.

Japan has no natural reserves of oil and hence is totally dependent on the Arab countries and the Arab demand for a boycott of Israel, leaving the Japanese government in the ambiguous position of doing nothing to stop compliance.

At the same time, Japanese companies are torn between protecting their access to Arab markets and increasing market share where possible, including Israel.

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Warns of new catastrophe

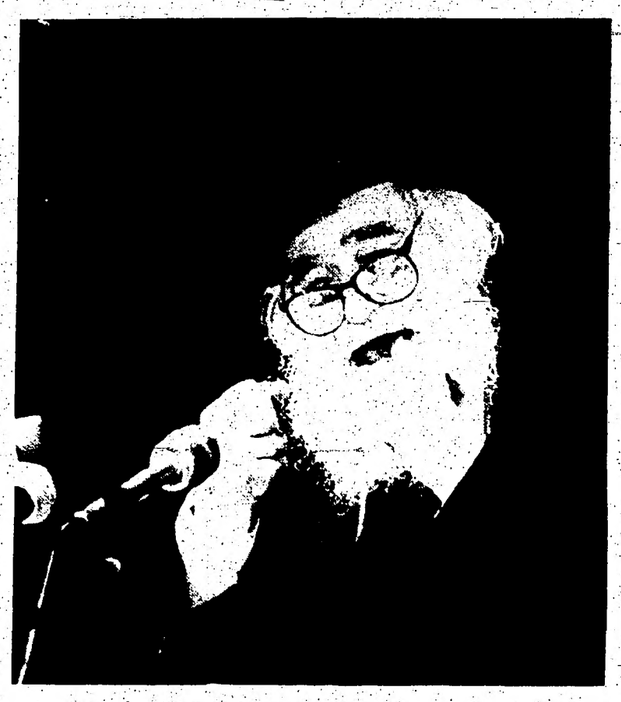
Rabbi's comment downplayed

BNEI BRAK (JPFS) — Haredi (ultra-Orthodox) circles are trying to play down recent comments by Rabbi Eliezer Schach, mentor of the ultra-Orthodox Degel HaTorah and Shas parties, blaming the Jewish people's drift away from religion for the Holocaust.

According to some reports, he had also warned the nation that unless it changes its ways, a new catastrophe might be unleashed.

Rabbi Schach made the comments at a gathering of students in the Ponivezh Yeshiva, which he heads. He periodically has such sessions with the student body, and his addresses, or excerpts from them, are occasionally reported in the haredi newspaper Yated Ne'eman.

On Dec. 24, the haredi daily quoted Rabbi Schach as telling his students that everything that happens to the Jewish people hinges on its conduct. "Does anyone here think that, before the Holocaust, which exacted so terrible a price and left no family untouched, all the Jews of Europe were righteous, God-fearing folk? There was a drift away from our faith and way of life. What happened was divine retribution for the accumulated weight of years of drawing away from Judaism."



Rabbi Eliezer Schach

Schach also maintained that "the nation's chosen are not those elected to the Knesset, but those studying in yeshivot." He blasted the Knesset "for not dealing with the true emergencies of this nation, but with how to protect pig growers."

He also had some choice remarks for women Knesset members.

"It is unthinkable that a few wicked women will decide on laws not in keeping with what has been acceptable among the Jewish people for so many generations," he exclaimed passionately.

In an attempt to allay angry reactions yesterday, Deputy Housing Minister Avraham Ravitz (Degel HaTorah) noted that the Rabbi's comments "were made to a closed circle of students and not to the general public" and reflected sentiments often voiced in haredi circles.

But that was not how everyone saw it. MK Shulamit Aloni of the leftist Citizens Rights Movement party, for example, said that Rabbi Schach "was and remains a staunch anti-Zionist and an opponent of enlightenment." She blamed Labor and the Likud for turning him into "the most important person in the country and the one who formed the government.

"Let me remind Rabbi Schach that the Holocaust also meant terrible death for over one million Jewish children, too young to have committed any sin."

A well-known Orthodox scholar, Prof. Yeshayahu Leibowitz, dismissed Rabbi Schach's comments as "wicked and stupid."

Settlers cheer Jewish "terrorists"

JERUSALEM (JTA) — Three members of what was once described as a Jewish terrorist underground were released from prison to the cheers of Jewish settlers Dec. 26, after serving less than seven years of what originally were life sentences.

Left-wing protesters called it a "black day" for the rule of law in Israel.

Menachem Livni, 40; Uzi Sharbaf, 30; and Shaul Nir, 40, all West Bank settlers, were convicted in 1985 of the 1983 machine-gun slaying of three Arab students at the Islamic College in Hebron.

Livni was also found guilty of planting car bombs that permanently crippled Nablus mayor Bassam Shaka in 1980, injured Ramallah mayor Karim Khalaf and blinded an Israeli police sapper.

Sharbaf and Nir were also convicted of planting time bombs on 16 buses serving densely populated Arab neighborhoods in East Jerusalem and for plotting to blow up Al Aksa mosque, an Islamic shrine on the Temple Mount.

Their release from Ma'asiyahu prison, near Ramla, was symbolic inasmuch as the three men, all Orthodox Jews, have been out of jail for months studying at a religious seminary as part of their court-ordered rehabilitation.

But none expressed remorse for their acts as they were carried on the shoulders of their singing, dancing, flag-waving supporters, who gave them a hero's welcome.

Left-wing critics observed that Arabs serve much longer terms in Israeli jails for lesser crimes.

Livni, Sharbaf and Nir were the last to be released of the 25 West Bank Jews convicted in the mid-1980s of violent acts against Arabs. They received the longest sentences, and there was a constant clamor from the religious right in Israel for presidential pardons.

President Chaim Herzog first reduced their life terms to 24 years, then to 15 years and in 1989 to 10 years.

A parole committee reduced the sentences by another third for good behavior.

Although Herzog defended the commutations on the grounds that the prisoners expressed "unequivocal regret for their actions," Livni told reporters that if the government had listened at the time to the message being sent it by the Jewish underground, the intifada could have been avoided.

He urged the government to free Israeli soldiers jailed for abusing Palestinian civilians, as well as Jews who are still serving time for fatal attacks on Arabs.

U.S. backs anti-Israel resolution

UNITED NATIONS (JPFS) — The United States voted with the 14 other members of the UN Security Council Dec. 20 to deplore Israel's recent deportations of Palestinians and to call for regular monitoring of Israel's human rights policy in the territories. (Canada is no longer a member of the Security Council.)

By joining in the unanimous vote, the United States--for the third time since the Temple Mount killings two months ago - declined to shield Israel from international criticism by exercising its veto right as a permanent member. The Bush administration was apparently seeking to protect its coalition with Arab states arrayed against Iraq.

In a separate, non-binding presidential statement, the Security Council agreed that a properly timed and structured international conference should facilitate a lasting peace in the Arab-Israel conflict.

The statement also said that the Arab-Israel conflict is unique, and must be addressed independently on its own merits, an indirect way of saying that there must not be linkage to the Gulf crisis. In earlier drafts, the statement said explicitly that such a conference was not tied to the Gulf crisis; but in the final form this was removed.

Shortly before the vote, Israeli Prime Minister Yitzhak Shamir said dismissively, "the fate of this resolution will be like the fate of other resolutions, which are now stored in the UN archive."

After the vote, Shamir's spokesman, Avi Pazner said, "Israel resents this UN decision, which is not balanced, is not fair, and does not take into account recent events." Specifically, Pazner noted that there is no mention of eight innocent Israelis who have all been fatally stabbed in recent weeks.

A senior State Department official said after the vote, "If the deportations (of four Hamas mid-level leaders after three stabbings in Jaffa Dec. 14) had not occurred we would have abstained or probably vetoed."

"The timing (of the deportations) could not have been worse," the official said. "Within a few days of Shamir assuring Baker that no deportations were contemplated, we woke up one morning and there were deportations."

In defending the U.S. role in supporting the resolution, the senior official said, "the bottom line in this resolution is that the PLO did not get what it wanted. They wanted linkage to the Gulf crisis, they wanted a UN military presence in the territories. They did not get either one."

The resolution is the fifth Security Council measure passed on deportations of Palestinians since the start of the intifada. Experts say that the significance of the resolution passed last night is that it helps forge a negative international consensus on Israel for the post-Gulf crisis period, and mysteriously, Israel and Shamir have reacted indifferently.

Irwin Cotler, an international human rights expert at Montreal's McGill University now visiting Israel, said, "Israel has been unduly sanguine about this condemnation throughout the Security Council debate and insufficiently appreciative of its damaging fallout. For the Security Council resolutions, however one-sided they may be, are being accorded increasing moral-legal weight by the international community in general."

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Plea bargain by officer challenged

TEL AVIV (JTA) —

An Israel Defence Force reserve officer has appealed to the High Court of Justice to cancel a plea bargain agreement made by the air force brigadier general accused of embezzling tens of millions of dollars slated for defence purchases.

Yona Yahav, a Haifa city councilman who is a reserve lieutenant colonel in the military police, filed the appeal apparently on behalf of IDF officers who believe Rami Dotan should be tried for treason.

Brig. Gen. Amnon Strashnov, the IDF judge advocate general, announced the plea bargain Dec. 20, saying it was the only way to get to the bottom of a very serious, complicated investigation.

But Yahav asked the High Court to void the deal on grounds that it "contradicts all logic and reasonable precepts of law."

Yahav argued that it "violates the attorney general's directive against concluding such an arrangement with a figure considered central to a criminal conspiracy."

Dotan was remanded in custody for another 30 days by a military appeals court Dec. 24. He has been under military police guard for the past six weeks at Tel Hashomer Hospital, where he is undergoing treatment for high blood pressure.

Dotan's alleged criminal conduct dates from 1984 and 1985, when he was the air force's senior procurement officer attached to the defence ministry's purchasing mission in New York.

His alleged accomplices include Harold Katz, a New York lawyer who holds dual Israeli and U.S. citizenship.

Katz, who has reportedly agreed to turn state's evidence in exchange for partial immunity, is suspected of being a financial courier for Dotan and for Jonathan Pollard, a former civilian employee of the U.S. Navy who is serving a life sentence for spying for Israel.

Yahav maintained that the plea bargains with Dotan and Katz "border on being unacceptable in the extreme because the two should have been charged with offences that senior IDF officers have termed treason."

Strashnov said that Dotan has promised to return $10 million to $12 million (U.S.) he allegedly bilked from the defence ministry and to provide the names of his confederates.

The only condition he demanded was that the IDF refrain from prosecuting his wife, who allegedly participated in his swindles.

Strashnov said that even with the plea bargain, Dotan would face a 10- to 13-year prison term. He is charged with bribery, breach of trust, fraud and illegal acceptance of funds while conspiring to commit a crime.

Dotan was allegedly on the payroll of American military contractors while he was a procurement officer for Israel and received kickbacks from other firms.

He allegedly maintained illegal bank accounts abroad and set up dummy companies in the United States and Canada to conceal his thefts.

IDF Chief of Staff Gen. Dan Shomron said that anyone employed in the defence establishment who harms Israel's security is surely a traitor.

Said air force commander Gen. Avihu Bin-Nun, "Rami betrayed us all."

There is no reference to treason in the charge sheet, nor is there any mention of attempts by Dotan to cause bodily harm to Ofer Pa'il, an Israeli engineer who served under him in New York and later alerted the defence ministry to his alleged thefts.

The local news media reported that Dotan put out a "contract" on Pa'il to prevent him from giving evidence.

Asked about that, Strashnov said it was "not exactly a case of attempted murder" but declined to elaborate.

Israel against changes in UN agencies' status

JERUSALEM (JTA) —

Israel has made clear it will not countenance a political role for UN agencies or foreign legations in Israel.

"We are totally opposed to any changes in any of the international agencies," Avi Pazner, Prime Minister Yitzhak Shamir's spokesman, declared.

That was the sharp reaction in official quarters here to reports that UN Secretary-General Javier Perez de Cuellar plans to use personnel of the United Nations Relief and Works Agency for Palestinian Refugees (UNRWA), to implement provisions of the resolution adopted Dec. 20 by the UN Security Council.

Among other things, the resolution calls on the secretary-general to "monitor and observe the situation of Palestinians under Israeli occupation," making use of "United Nations and other personnel and resources present there in the area and elsewhere."

The secretary-general was instructed to report to the Security Council every four months on the status of human rights in the territories.

According to reports from New York, Perez de Cuellar has informally advised the Security Council that he plans to use both UNRWA and consulates in East Jerusalem to discharge its mandate.

Israeli officials explained that UNRWA's role, with which Israel has never interfered, has always been to administer to the humanitarian needs of the Palestinian population. They stressed that Israel would not accept a change in that role.

As in the case of UNRWA, Israel considers the consulates in East Jerusalem to share the Palestinian viewpoint because they are chiefly concerned with the situation of Palestinians in the territories.

The seven consulates in East Jerusalem are not officially accredited to Israel, because its sovereignty over Jerusalem is not recognized by the international community.

The United States, for instance, maintains a consulate in western Jerusalem, which services Israelis and Americans in Israel, and a consulate in East Jerusalem, which functions as a quasi-mission to the West Bank.

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Soviet Jews flee Mother Russia

JERUSALEM (JPFS) —

An unprecedented number of Soviet immigrants have been airlifted to Israel, as efforts intensified to rush Soviet Jews to Israel from a country rapidly descending into chaos.

Some 7,000 immigrants arrived between the night of Dec. 22 and early on Dec. 23, at a rate of about 100 an hour.

Permission was obtained to increase the number of flights from the transit points earlier last week, Jewish Agency officials said. The agency wants to bring the immigrants here quickly given the increased tension in the U.S.S.R., they added.

Since Dec. 19, over 1,000 Soviet immigrants began arriving daily. Agency chairman Simcha Dinitz announced that "from now on, between 1,200 and 1,500 Soviet immigrants will arrive daily." Less than a thousand had been arriving before the extra flights were added.

Over 30,000 immigrants were expected to arrive in December, and 40,000 in January, according to agency estimates.

The government must reappraise its absorption plans given the sudden increase in the pace of immigration, Dinitz said.

El Al made extra planes available over the weekend to transport the immigrants, while the Polish airline, Lot, and the Hungarian airline, Malev, also added Tel Aviv-bound flights to their normal schedules.

El Al was forced to send planes to Bucharest because a national strike in Romania had left Soviet immigrants stranded in the capital.

Deputy president of the Soviet Academy of Sciences, Yuri Usipian, told visiting Knesset Speaker Dov Shilansky that "there will be no change in Soviet foreign policy vis-a-vis Israel, and I believe that our emigration policy will not change either."

Travel advisory

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armed force is authorized.

A more strongly worded advisory was also issued for Bahrain, Qatar, Kuwait, Iraq, Jordan and the eastern provinces and central region of Saudi Arabia, including Riyadh.

"Canadian tourists, business and other travellers to these countries should consider deferring their travel, or, ensuring that they maintain departure reservations," the advisory said.

External Affairs also suggested that "because of the possibility of increased tension in the Middle East in early January," Canadian dependants (of those working in the region) should consider leaving these countries.

The travel advice, issued jointly by External Affairs and International Trade Canada, "reflects the department's assessment that tensions in Middle East may increase in the first part of January," an External Affairs news release stated.

There are approximately 17,000 Canadian nationals in the countries covered by the advisory.

The United States issued its own travel advisory for Jordan, suggesting U.S. nationals leave the country.

A Lawyer Replies...

By JOHN SYRTASH

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QUESTION: My husband and I jointly own the matrimonial home. We are negotiating my taking out a mortgage to buy out his half interest. Although I am not planning to sell the house in the immediate future I would like to sell it in about five years.

Should I not be permitted to deduct a notional value of six per cent for real estate commissions which I am going to have to pay at a later date when the house is sold in calculating the value of my husband's half interest?

In my case the commissions equal $20,000 and I don't feel I should give him half of the gross value of the home because eventually I am going to have to pay his real estate commission when I sell the house.

ANSWER: Pursuant to a recent Ontario Court of Appeal decision called *Starkman* and an earlier case called *McDonald*, it appears that you canot automatically deduct the six per cent or any amount of real estate commissions unless you can prove to the court that you will actually be selling the house within a reasonable period of time.

If you are young and it appears that you may not sell the house until retirement or for several years, then the value of the house will rise and it may be well to speculate to determine whether or not you are actually going to pay any real estate commissions to anyone.

It used to be quite common, until recently, for lawyers to automatically deduct these costs of dispostion, even if they were not actually going to take place right away when evaluating a piece of matrimonial property.

Now lawyers are across Canada engaged in heated arguments in almost every case as to whether or not one calculates disposition costs. The resulting chaos has led to tremendous costs in litigation, endless telephone calls and correspondence.

I for one would rather see a hard and fast rule applied in such cases so that the uncertainty of the law is corrected.

Another area of uncertainty is the valuation of the Registered Retirement Savings Plan. The question often arises in matrimonial negotiations as to whether or not, in valuing the RRSPs, of the spouse who owns those RRSPs can justifiably deduct the taxes that he will eventually have to pay when the funds are withdrawn from the plan.

The law appears to be clear that if he is close to retirement age or if, because of cash flow problems he must cash the plan in quickly, that the tax will likely be paid in the near future and is therefore not speculative.

Accordingly, in such cases the court will likely deduct a notional amount by applying the spouses normal tax rates against the property to come up with a ner figure before dividing it with the other spouse.

However, if you have the common situation of say a 34-year-old man who has been investing in RRSPs for the past 10 years and is still 31 years away from retirement, then if he wishes to separate from his wife, he may well have to split the gross value of the RRSPs without any deduction for "taxes."

He is too far away from retirement for the taxes to have any meaning. The court would probably deem him to never have to pay the tax since when he retired he might still roll the monies into an annuity plan or some other tax saving device such that the tax dollars may never actually be expanded.

Once again, in the Provincial Family Law Act Legislation, a need exists to provide for a clear rule as to when such notional costs of disposition of the RRSP should be applied by the court so as to give lawyers an indication of how to negotiate settlements without the expensive necessity of seeking legal redress from a court judge.

Some lawyers now worry about their suing them for not taking such costs of disposition into account duriung matrimonial negotiations.

The principal solution that many lawyers advise is to "split the difference" by cutting in half the costs of disposition and allocating the risk of losing litigation to both parties equally. I think this is a lousy way to settle cases.

We should call on our legislators to enact the proper laws to correct this dilemma.

Palestinian Red Crescent denounced

Holocaust denial article raises ire

By PAUL LUNGEN

TORONTO —

The Canadian Red Cross and the International Committee of the Red Cross have been asked to condemn the Palestinian Red Crescent Society for publishing an anti-Semitic article that denies the Holocaust.

In a letter to the Canadian arm of the international organization, the Simon Wiesenthal Centre points out that a story in *Balsam*, the official organ of the Red Crescent, "slanders the entire Jewish people and denies the historic validity of the Nazi Holocaust."

The letter from Sol Littman, Canadian representative of the centre, calls on the Red Cross to condemn "this tragic provocation and to urge the International (Committee) of the Red Cross (ICRC) to discontinue its relationship with the Palestinian Red Crescent Society."

A similar letter was sent by the Los Angeles-based Wiesenthal Centre to ICRC president Cornelio Somauraga and a meeting between the centre's European director, Shimon Samuels, and Somauraga was held recently.

Responding to suggestions that the ICRC cancel the Palestinian Red Crescent's observer status, Somauraga said: "I am sad to hear such stupidity in an article which lost for its publishers all possible neutrality and is against the principles of the League" (of Red Cross and Red Crescent Societies).

The ICRC official refused, however, to commit the organization to further action, saying the controversy was "political," the Wiesenthal Centre said in a news release.

A translation of the July 1990 article, provided by the Wiesenthal Centre, repeats the neo-Nazi accusation that the Holocaust was a hoax used by Jews to aid in the establishment of the state of Israel.

It quotes Frenchman Robert Faurisson, who testified on behalf of Holocaust-denier Ernst Zundel, as concluding gas chambers were not used to murder Jews and it accuses "the Jews" of controlling "almost all the media since the French revolution.

"Jews regard themselves as the landlords of humanity and the Nuremberg courts (which prosecuted Nazi war criminals after the Second World War) were manned mainly by Jews and their friends who were directed by President Roosevelt's legal advisor, Samuel Rosenman," the article states.

The article also alleges that all testimonies by Holocaust survivors as to the murder in gas chambers "are false, from beginning to end."

The letter from the Wiesenthal Centre notes that *Balsam* is "the official organ of the Palestinian Red Crescent — an agency that enjoys observer status in the ICRC.

"This organization, headed by Dr. Fathi Arafat, (PLO chairman Yasser Arafat's brother) has wilfully debased the history of the Holocaust. . .

"That such an article should be published by an organization that is dedicated to the preservation of human life, is not only a distortion of truth and history, but is an affront to the principles upon which the International and Canadian Red Cross was founded and seeks to promote."

Rabbi Abraham Cooper, associate dean of the Wiesenthal Centre in Los Angeles, said the "bottom line of the letter is that during the Holocaust, the ICRC did next to nothing to help the Jewish victims and right now the Palestinian Red Crescent has official observer status and we feel there is a moral obligation to act as protector of the victims by severing ties with this group."

Jewish groups, minister discuss department agenda

OTTAWA —

Investigations into potential war crimes charges are continuing despite the fact no new charges have been laid for the last year, Justice Minister Kim Campbell told a Canadian Jewish Congress delegation last week.

Fifty full time investigators, lawyers and historians are involved in the department's war crimes unit, the minister told the delegation, adding she would support a recommendation to the Treasury Board that additional resources be devoted to the effort.

Jack Silverstone, who along with Milton Harris, Manuel Prutschi and Eric Vernon represented Congress, said the minister assured the group that charges will be laid as soon as a case is ready for prosecution.

Campbell said she knew of no moves in government to reduce the resources devoted to the prosecution of war criminals, Silverstone reported.

deportations to these states would lack validity.

Kagedan said the B'nai Brith group, which included Brian Morris, Phil Reimer and Marty Black, also questioned Campbell on whether Canadian and American Nazi-hunters exchange information on new suspects. The minister said she would look into it, Kagedan said.

B'nai Brith also suggested that racially motivated crime be granted a special category in Canadian criminal law, along with a provision for more stringent penalties.

The delegation also provided Campbell with several examples of hate propaganda circulating in Canada among various racist groups and the delegation asked that the obligation of dealing with racism be enshrined in the constitution. — P.L.

Congress seeking meeting

Silverstone, Congress's national executive director, said the organization will also be seeking a meeting with the solicitor general to discuss whether there is full coordination between the RCMP and the war crimes unit.

Meanwhile, a delegation from B'nai Brith Canada met with the justice minister around the same time, urging that a "quick pace" be adopted in the prosecution of war crimes suspects.

Ian Kagedan, B'nai Brith's director of government relations, said the minister was urged to re-examine other legal means that could be employed against war criminals, such as denaturalization and deportation.

Kagedan noted that with the democratization of a host of East European countries, objections to

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Milestone for Ottawa community

Sephardis celebrate Torah purchase

By
RANDY FISHER

OTTAWA —
It doesn't happen very often. But when the Sephardi community buys its first sefer torah, it is cause of celebration and reflection.

"It's a milestone in the Ottawa Jewish community," said Gaby Sassoon, 43, originally from Turkey.

Virtually all of the 120-strong Sephardi community gathered in the main chapel of the Machzikei Hadas synagogue Dec. 2, to usher in a new era in the development of their community.

The disconnected feeling is a thing of the past, said Michel Tapiero, vice-president of the Sephardi congregation and in Canada for 22 years. Not having a torah was "like children without parents."

The $10,000 second-hand Sephardi torah came from Montreal. The money was lent to the congregation of Raphael Abtan.

"I grew up in Ottawa, and the only (Sephardi) culture I have been exposed to has been in my house. The torah helps preserve my background," said Abtan's son, Eric, 17, a high school student.

Ottawa's Sephardi community recently bought its first Sefer Torah. [Randy Fisher photo]

"It's actually kind of nice. I like it," he said, adding that if he had the money he would do as his father had done.

"The torah is a major resource to make a shul. Once you have your own torah you have anything," said Rabbi Reuven Bulka of Machzikei Hadas, presiding over the ceremony.

"It's like a person who says he wants to be a director of communications, but he has to have a telephone."

In his sermon, Rabbi Bulka spoke of the sinews that bind together the torah, Jewish tradition and identity. "Those are the strings that will hopefully bring you together in a common thread of commitment to your religion. You should continue to grow to be a credit to our community.

"What I would like to see is that your minyan becomes a daily minyan (as long as you don't take any of our guys) and you should have a minyan for mincha, ma'ariv, yom tov and shabbat and you should continue to flourish. Who knows, if you become big enough you can buy us out here and we'll go to where you are," said Rabbi Bulka to gales of laughter.

"Thanks to you we now have a full (Ashkenazi and Sephardi) community," he said.

"The only way you can have a voice is to have formal community and to explain to people that there are different views," said Jack Jabes, a professor of management at the University of Ottawa.

After the sermon, the men were invited up to the bema to sing, dance and hold the torah.

Later, one lady suggested that women be permitted and encouraged to join the men in the moving ceremony. Tapiero agreed, saying it was something to consider for the next torah to come into the congregation.

Afterwards, the congregants were treated to sweet pastries specially brought in from Montreal.

Looking to the future, Tapiero hopes that Ottawa will attract more Sephardis to the community. Another torah is a possibility, and further down the road a shul might be built.

For now though, the Sephardi community in Ottawa is definitely on the map.

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Toys for Israeli hospital

Party benefits sick children

By
CAROLYN BLACKMAN

TORONTO —
Child cancer patients in Israel can now have a little fun while in the hospital thanks to Jewish Adult Programming Society (JAPS).

Working in conjunction with the Friends of Israel Cancer Association, JAPS held a recent fund raising party and raised $1,400 which will go towards filling a room full of toys at Beilinnon Hospital in Petach Tikvah.

The society, established in 1987 in Montreal and 1989 in Toronto is a non-profit organization for Jewish adults, both singles and couples ages 22-30. Its mandate is to hold fund raisers once a month in order to raise money for different charities.

Recent charities include a donation to Operation Exodus in the name of Marnie Kimmelman, the teen slain in Israel this past summer, and to Mazon Canada for its foodbank.

Marilyn Levine, chairperson of the society, says that what makes Jewish Adult Programming unique is that it is a good mix of fun and social activism.

"Toronto is a transient city and with so many people coming and going its hard to get together and meet young Jewish people. At the same time however, we are working for a cause."

An executive committee and board of directors administer the group and a monthly newsletter informs members of upcoming events.

"We plan such activities as ski trips, dances and parties, so that young Jewish people can meet in an informal atmosphere. It's a good feeling however to know that while we are having a good time, we are performing some type of tzedaka."

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Organizations and People

CANDLE LIGHTING

Netivot Hatorah Day School Grade 1 students are lighting the Chanukah candles to commemorate the victory of the Jewish people. From left are Aliza Rosenthal, Danny Diamond, Elhanah Glatt and Malka Siegel. [Resa Lax photo]

Generosity overwhelms organizers

Dance nets funds for needy

By
CAROLYN BLACKMAN

TORONTO —

What began as a small house party, planned to raise funds for Toronto's needy at Chanukah and Christmas, blossomed into an affair that helped hundreds of people better enjoy the holiday season.

"When more and more people decided to come to our house party and bring a donation for the city's needy, we decided to open the party to the public, and call ourselves Bleeding Hearts' Group," said Deborah Kisluk, who co-founded the group along with Lisa Estreicher.

The result was a party for more than 200 people held at the downtown Jewish Community Centre. "We charged a $5 cover charge plus a cash, food, clothing or toy donation. We were just bowled over by people's generosity."

Kisluk, a social work student at York University who would like to get into the field of homelessness and hunger issues, said that the group collected $1,500 cash, six cartons of food, 25 cartons of clothing and six cartons of toys.

"The food went to the Daily Bread Food Bank, the clothing and toys to the Jewish Family and Child Service and the cash was divided between the two."

She said by running the dance "we were simply taking some responsibility in aiding our neighbors through the promotion of social awareness and the organizing of a charity drive. We are tired of sitting around and complaining about the way things are."

Trip to Poland offers chance to probe roots

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"We will see glimpses of our vibrant Yiddish culture that is no more. Many children of survivors reach a stage in their lives where they want to reach back and discover that portion of history that was torn away from them," added Freedom.

Arrangements are being made to meet with local professors, and attend cultural events including a performance by the Yiddish Theatre.

"This tour is open to children of survivors from across Canada catered to the special needs of this generation. We accepted the Legacy but we want to explore and find our roots.

"At the same time we hope to connect a network with other Second Generation groups" says Pnina Spetgang, director Holocaust Remembrance Committee and Holocaust Education and Memorial Centre.

On May 1, the tour will arrive in Amsterdam for two days, visiting The Anne Frank House, Jewish Historical Museum, Portuguese synagogue and Museum of Resistance.

Cost of the trip is $1,990 (price subject to adjustment for fuel increase) double occupancy.

For further information please call Tour Co-ordinator (416) 635-2883 ext. 144/153 or write to Holocaust Remembrance Committee, 4600 Bathurst Street, Suite 519, Willowdale, Ont. M2R 3V2.

A public information meeting will take place on Jan. 22, at 8 p.m., Lipa Green Building. Please RSVP and bring a friend.

Youth researches adoption program

Although no definite plans are in the works for another Bleeding Hearts' Group event, Kisluk is nonetheless researching a different project in aid of needy Torontonians.

"I've begun doing research on the merits of starting an Adopt-A-Family program, similar to one run by the Salvation Army in the United States and Canada."

She explained that in the program, needy families are matched up anonomously with donor families, who give money or goods for a specific purpose.

"For instance, if a donor is matched with a family that has a young baby, he can buy formula, baby food or sleepers and know exactly where his donations are going. Neither will know each other's name but the donor will have a family profile.

"What is different about this project is that donors know exactly what type of family is receiving their donations. People are not wondering where their money is going. They can keep up with the same family for years. I would love to see such a project in the Jewish community."

Kisluk says that although the project has not yet gotten off the ground, she has received good feedback. "There are a growing number of people interested in helping those less fortunate. I'm very excited about seeing this program through to fruition."

Students raise funds for Operation Exodus

TORONTO —

Toronto high school students have raised more than $1,200 for Operation Exodus in two separate events.

A dance at Shaarei Shomayim Synagogue attended by 100 students raised $600.

A Melaveh Malka sponsored by Bnei Akiva and arranged by Robbie Diamond for students from Ulpanat Orot and Or Chaim raised nearly $700.

More high school student events for Operation Exodus are being planned for 1991 and information may be obtained from Robbie Diamond at 781-0429 or Shawn Kendall at 636-7655.

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Organizations and People

School called a dream realized

She'arim observes 10th anniversary

By
CAROLYN BLACKMAN

TORONTO —

It was a morning of remembering dreams and honoring achievements as founders and friends of She'arim Hebrew Day School, a school for children with learning disabilities, gathered to celebrate its 10th anniversary.

Honorees at the Founders Brunch, held at Shaarei Shomayim Synagogue, were Herb Green, Al Latner, Morris Shoom, Alex Singer, Ernest Singer and Nat Starr.

Jack Kahn, master of ceremonies, recognized Rabbi Joseph Kelman and Rabbi Irwin Witty "whose contributions to She'arim made it all possible." As well, he noted several people who helped make the school successful including Rabbi Sheldon Steinberg, Elaine Rubinoff, Anne Botnick, Dorry Levine and Edie Kalb.

Kahn said that when She'arim was established in September, 1980, "it occupied a special place in the community. It is still the only school of its kind in Toronto and only one of two in Canada. She'arim elevates many obstacles to personal and educational achievements."

Rabbi Witty, executive director, Jewish Board of Education, said that "it was something of a dream of whether She'arim would materialize into the institution that it did. We have managed to make a reality out of what some would have thought was a dream."

He said that it takes "special people and special talents to make learning disabilities an involvement that takes every waking moment. There are great success stories created by people who recognize problems and make them into opportunities."

Keynote speaker, Aaron Hersh Fried, a psychologist, lecturer on learning disabilities and founder of a Jewish centre for special education in New York, told the group that "we are here to celebrate, raise our cups and toast the success of She'arim. We are also here to support She'arim and get angry and upset that not much more is being done. There is so much more to do. There is still so much pain out there."

Fried said that, above all, "I hope that none of you feel you are here to help the poor unfortunate children at She'arim because nobody wants to be patronized. We must help people as equals."

He said that there is a tremendous difference between a disability and a handicap. "A child may be born with a disability, but whether a disability becomes a handicap depends on those who surround those children — by society. Yes, children have disabilities, but in addition to these disabilities, are we going to foster handicaps on them?"

He said that the major handicap of a learning-disabled child is not the disability he comes with, but rather the one we give him — learned helplessness. "If told they won't make it, they won't."

Fried said that parents of these children face tremendous problems, pain and hurt. "Some children sit in school and languish and languish. It's hard to fathom the pain these parents go through.

"What are their choices? They can sit in regular Hebrew school and languish or go to a non-Jewish school. Some parents could not keep their children in Hebrew school and could not bring themselves to go to a non-Jewish school, so they keep them home."

He stressed that "history has shown us that many children and adults with disabilities have gone a long way. The common denominator that helps these people is that they are surrounded by people who see not patients or clients, but human beings. They see the beauty of the soul that the person carries. The quality we should all develop is the ability to look at another human and see beyond their exterior into their soul."

Fried said that "how we look at these children is going to determine what we see. What we see is going to determine what we call them. How we treat them determines how they see themselves and how they see themselves is ultimately how they turn out. How we react to people determines what they become."

He urged "each and every one of you to come and spend time at She'arim. Watch these children and you may chance upon a moment when a child's eyes light up and he understands. Nothing is more beautiful. Take the pleasure of seeing a child open up.

"I invite you to join us in our dreams. It will give you the most beautiful material you will ever see and you will gain indescribable joy. Join us and save humanity."

Rabbi Witty told the group that it takes $11,000 to educate a child at She'erim and "although we are running a bottom operation we still face serious deficits. No child who needs our setting is turned away. We are a long way from meeting all our costs. We are appealing to you to help with the She'arim deficit."

Baking for family keeps Goldie Grafstein young

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After their marriage, Goldie Grafstein became a housewife and mother. They raised nine children: Pearl (Kaplan); Sarah (Solomon); Rose (Dolgy); Molly (Brown); Rickey (Hoff); Tilley (Levine); Chippy (Feldman); Sonny, their only son, who died of cancer in 1984; and Budgie (Frieberg).

The Grafsteins lived in a large house on Brunswick Avenue. "It was a happy household," recalls Levine, "full of music, food and lots of love."

Every member of the family played a musical instrument. Some of them earned gold medals for their proficiency. Goldie Grafstein played the accordian, and together the entire family played for both Jewish and non-Jewish charities all over the city. They weren't paid for their performances, but sometimes were given chocolates or other tokens of appreciation.

When Grafstein was at St. John's Rehabilitation Hospital recently, recuperating from her broken ankle, her daughter Pearl Kaplan found a 60-year-old letter from Sir Vincent Massey thanking the Grafstein family for performing to raise money for the building of St. John's.

In addition to performing with her family for charitable causes and being involved in the Jewish auxiliary of Mount Sinai Hospital, Goldie Grafstein always set an example of hands-on charitableness in her home.

them for the entire duration of the war. "We always gave up our beds for the relatives," recalls Pearl Kaplan.

When the children were growing up, the Grafsteins spent every summer at their cottage at Roche's Point. Goldie Grafstein spent most of her time in the kitchen, cooking and baking for the family and a constant stream of guests. She never sat in the sun, said Levine, wondering whether that might be another factor in her longevity.

No regrets

When asked if there was anything in her life that she would do differently, Grafstein declared that she "wouldn't change anything." Would she have nine children again? "We didn't have the pill in those days," was her matter-of-fact reply.

It's obvious, though, that her large family is a source of pride for her. The walls of her apartment are lined with photos: wedding portraits, graduation portraits, a group shot taken at the Grafsteins' 50th anniversary party. Grafstein pointed to one picture after another, noting the various doctors, dentists and lawyers in the family.

Widowed in 1968, Grafstein lives alone, with the help and support of her daughters, six of whom live in Toronto. On a typical day, four or five of them will be at her apartment, and every week they take home blintzes ("I must have made thousands") or baked goods that their mother has prepared. Grafstein also bakes cookies for daughter Rickey Hoff to take to Mount Sinai Hospital's cancer clinic when she volunteers there each week.

On Chanukah, Grafstein makes fruitcakes for her children. The out-of-town daughters get theirs in the mail. At Rosh Hashanah, it's honey cake. This Chanukah, even though she was barely back on her feet after her ankle injury, she went ahead as usual and baked one fruitcake after another.

A few weeks ago, the family planned a "surprise" 96th birthday party for Grafstein. Over 70 family members, including a lot of babies, gathered in her apartment to celebrate and wish her well. "I hope I make 100," she told them.

Guests welcomed

Grafstein's Silk Store on College Street was around the corner from the Jewish theatre on Spadina, and Moishe Grafstein made a habit of bringing home struggling actors such as Lou Jacobi and Luther Adler, who were always fed and made to feel welcome.

One day he brought home a family of black performers: a father and son, along with the boy's uncle. They rolled up the rug, and future megastar Sammy Davis Jr. (the son) tap-danced in their living room.

Their house was also open to various relatives, some of whom they had helped get out of Poland before the Second World War. They also had relatives from England stay with

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Global Sephardi community granted award

By
PAUL LUNGEN

TORONTO —
Dignitaries from the Toronto consular corps, from Jewish organizations and the Sephardi community gathered recently for a reception to mark the granting of an international award to Sephardi communities around the world.

Presentation of the Concorde Prize of the Prince Asturias Foundation represented the beginning of a new age of tolerance and respect for Sephardi Jews, the evening's emcee, Simon Keslassy, said.

Keslassy, president of the Ontario Sephardi Association, noted that the prize was awarded by Spain's Prince Felipe de Borbon and indicates that in spite of the expulsion from Spain in 1492, a new spirit of dialogue and reconciliation is emerging.

On March 31, 1992 — the 500th anniversary of the expulsion — Spain's King Juan Carlos will revoke the edict of expulsion, allowing Jews to return to Spain "through the front door," he said.

The highlight of the evening was screening of a videotape of the presentation of the Concorde Prize to Dr. Salomon Gaon, who presided over a 75-person delegation of the World Sephardi Federation.

The delegation represented 15 countries, including Canada, Brazil, France, Turkey, Israel, Mexico, Morocco, Spain and Portugal.

Speaking in Ladino, a Judeo-Spanish language, Gaon said the ceremony "shows that after 500 years, Spain is now welcoming the Jews who have preserved the Spanish language and customs as well as their fondness for their former land.

"Sephardi Jews consider Israel as the Holy Land and Spain as their second land," he said.

In an emotional address, a translated copy of which was provided The CJN, Gaon said Sephardi Jews have never forgotten their former land "and never ceased to have a filial devotion for Spain."

To Sephardim, the Concorde Prize "reminds us of the time when our ancestors lived in a Spain where men and women, even though following various forms of worship — Jewish, Christian, Moslem — belonged to the same community, thus offering the world an example of brotherhood and concord obtained through their mutual tolerance."

Antonio Luis Bullon, Spain's consul general, told the reception that the Concorde Prize is awarded to persons, groups or institutions whose efforts transcend national boundaries in promoting the defence of the human heritage or opening new horizons of knowledge.

He noted that the expulsion from Spain was not the first suffered by Jews, but it was the most dramatic, since the Jewish community of Spain was one of oldest in Europe.

Spanish Consul General Antonio Luis Bullon (centre) is flanked by his Israeli counterpart Benjamin Abileah (right) and Simon Keslassy at a reception to mark the granting of the Concorde Prize to the Sephardi communities around the world. [Paul Lungen photo]

In the 500 years between the expulsion and the granting of the prize, the process of reconciliation has not been easy, he said. "This process and the recognition of the heritage of the Sephardi community is parallel to the process of democratization in Spain," the consul said.

Others making brief statements were Israel Consul General Benjamin Abileah, Maurice Benzacar, president of the Canadian Sephardi Federation, Les Scheininger, president of Canadian Jewish Congress, and Isaac Melul, vice-president of the Petah Tikva Anshe Castilla Congregation, which hosted the reception.

Rabbi Amram Assayag opened the evening's program with a traditional prayer for the Spanish royal family.

Other dignitaries present included the consuls from the United States, Greece and Guatemala.

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Fears expressed on Gulf situation

By
RON CSILLAG

TORONTO —
If fighting breaks out in the Persian Gulf, Iraq could force Jordan to wage war against Israel, says an Israeli brigadier-general.

David Harmish, now Israel's consul in New York, told members of the Association for the Soldiers of Israel recently that the current Gulf situation has realigned inter-Arab relations to the point where Syria is now considered an ally of the United States.

And Jordan, which has distanced itself from the U.S.-led troop buildup but which was viewed as a friend of the Americans, may be manipulated by Saddam Hussein into fighting Israel, said Harmish, a one-time deputy chief of manpower for the Israel Defence Forces.

Whatever the outcome of the crisis, Israel will be pressured into solving the Palestinian conflict by both the United States and the Soviet Union, Harmish said.

Harmish's remarks came before Saddam threatened to bomb Tel Aviv should hostilities break out.

And last month, the Iraqi leader repeated earlier statements that prior to any negotiations on Kuwait, the Palestinian issue must be addressed.

While the whole question of linkage has been rejected by President George Bush, most observers agree that once the Gulf crisis is over, Israel must solve the Palestinian conflict.

Harmish said there are two "unrealistic" possibilities on the Gulf: that Saddam will withdraw unconditionally from Kuwait and that Bush will withdraw from Saudi Arabia. Both scenarios, he stated, would be "political suicide" for the leaders.

A more realistic possibility, Harmish said, is a political solution that would give both Iraq and the United States honorable ways out of the standoff.

What will likely happen is a short but bloody war that would force Saddam from Kuwait, a war the United States "will obviously" win.

Working against Bush are American public opinion and weather conditions in the Saudi desert, which between January and March are "very poor to start a war."

Bush cannot wait until spring to launch an offensive because it would interfere with Ramadan, the holy month-long Moslem festival of fasting and repentance. That, Harmish said, would galvanize the whole Arab world against the West.

In the final analysis, Harmish said, "time is on Hussein's side."

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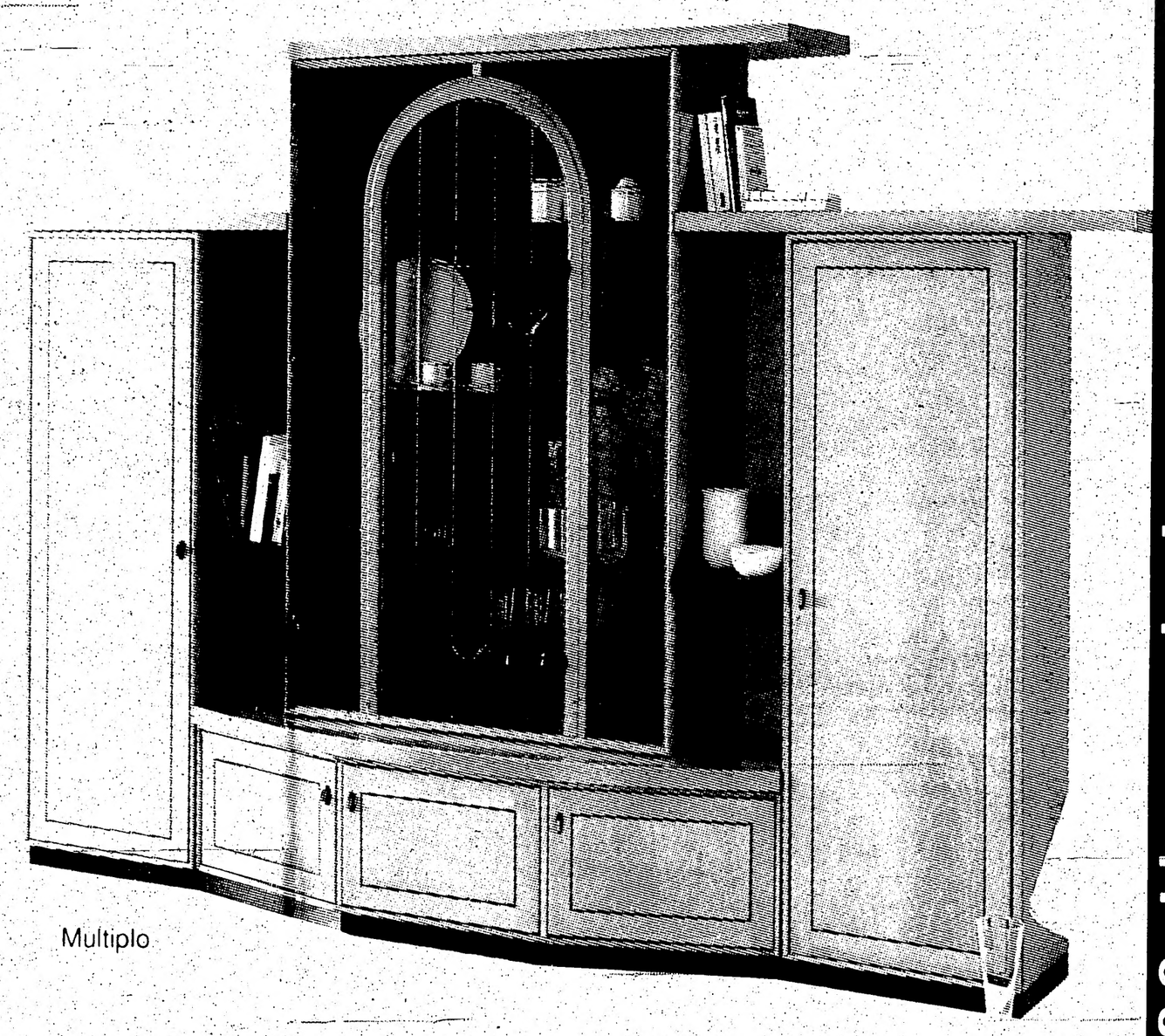

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Organizations and People

Masorti Movement called option between two extremes in Israel

By
CYNTHIA GASNER

TORONTO —
Israelis who seek opportunities for meaningful religious observance and historical fulfillment face an unconfortable choice: an uncompromising and increasingly extreme polarization that fails their hope for Israel as a working society, or an unfulfilling secularism that fails their hope for Israel as a touchstone of Judaism.

The Masorti Movement in Israel, a sister movement of the North American Conservative Movement, was founded more than 25 years ago by native Israelis and immigrants seeking an alternative — a vibrant, religiously pluralistic Jewish life in Israel, says Norman Stern, the chairman of the Canadian Foundation for Masorti Judaism.

"Rooted in Torah and the traditional modes of Jewish religious practice, the Masorti Movement in Israel is the only practical opportunity for religious and cultural identity for that large part of Israeli society unwilling to choose between their Jewish authenticity and the Zionist dream," says Stern.

Rabbi Philip Spectre, the executive director of the Masorti Movement, who lives in Jerusalem, was in Canada recently to bring awareness to the Canadian Conservative movement of the programs and challenges of their counterpart in Israel.

He told The CJN that Masorti has enlisted the aid of Conservative rabbis and key lay people in Canada in fund-raising activities. "We must first build on an infrastructure for fund-raising an then canvass big givers and general synagogue membership," says Rabbi Spectre.

Masorti, which means traditional, describes about 80 per cent of the population of Israel that are not affiliated with religious political parties, explains the rabbi. These are individuals who could have a religious bent but do not want to belong to the seven or eight religious parties.

There are more than 12,000 members of the Masorti Movement with a growth of 10 per cent a year. The Movement has established more than 40 synagogues, an Israeli rabbinical school (the Bet Midrash), NOAM, a youth movement dedicated to creating a new generation of openness and tolerance, TALI, a Jewish enrichment program within the secular school, and Ramah camping for both day and overnight camping.

Rabbi Philip Spectre of the Masorti Movement in Israel is seen with Norman Stern, chairman of the Canadian Foundation for Masorti Judaism.

Spiritual survival a concern

In addition, they have established Kibbutz Hanaton, located in the lower part of the Western Galilee, which houses a major education centre for both Israel and the Diaspora, and Moshav Shorashim, whose major population comes from the North American Conservative movement.

"Up until now, world Jewry has been mainly concerned with providing the physical survival and well being of Jewish people in Israel," says Rabbi Spectre. "Now is the time to begin to provide for the spiritual survival and well being of the people of Israel.

"All is not well spiritually in the state," says Rabbi Spectre. "Extremes exist and inordinate power has been given to ultra-religious groups because of the configuration of the coalition government. Because of that, there are two school systems and a cleavage in the general public which is growing wider and wider and is spiritually unhealthy for the state."

The Conservative/Masorti Movement provides not only a middle ground, he says, but an active alternative to the polarization that has characterized religious life in Israel until today.

"There are Orthodox and secular Jews in Israel who are doing good work in trying to heal the festering wound of internal Jewish animosity and many of them cooperate with us. We've built the largest organized movement in Israel which is dedicated to bringing together diverse and often factious elements of society that must work together to build a spiritual Israel where Judaism can thrive."

Five years ago, Masorti opened a rabbinical school, the Yellin Teachers Seminary at the Hebrew University where the rabbi's wife, Barbara Lerner Spectre, teaches Jewish philosophy and education. She is also the chairman of the board of directors at the seminary for Judaic Studies in Jerusalem where 25 of the 80 students are in rabbinical studies.

Rabbi Spectre notes that to attend the seminary, a prerequisite is that students must have served in the Israeli army. "We hope to enlarge the seminary and that the students will influence and enrich the religious life in Israel."

Rabbi Spectre, born and educated in Buffalo, made aliya 24 years ago. The Spectres have three Sabra children. Two have completed their army service and their youngest child is a student in the Masorti High School in Jerusalem. For 15 years, the rabbi was the spiritual leader of Congregation Netzch Israel, the largest synagogue in Ashkelon.

Stern says that the Masorti Movement's greatest challenge is to encourage Jews to embrace a lifestyle which is both grounded in authentic rabbinic tradition and responsive to the challenges of modernity.

"It is succeeding in rescuing Judaism from the strictures of parochialism and creating a relevance for the school, the street, the home, the government, the playground, the theatre — virtually every aspect of an Israeli's daily life."

Benjamin Gan dead at 77

By
BEN ROSE

TORONTO —
Benjamin Gan, for 10 years Canadian director of the Jewish Theological Seminary, died recently in Toronto after a lengthy illness at the age of 77.

A native of Lowell, Mass., he worked for the Seminary in both the United States and Canada, being Canadian director from 1960 to 1970 and midwestern director in U.S. based in St. Louis, Mo., 1970-76.

He retired in 1976 and moved back to Canada.

He was a midwestern representative for Israel Bonds in the 1950s and was a fund raiser for the Hebrew Theological College.

Benjamin Gan

He was a member of Beth David B'nai Israel Beth Am Congregation and Labor Zionist Alliance.

Surviving are his wife, Adeline, a son, Ralph, a daughter-in-law, Darlene, and granddaughters Shelley, Barbara, Cheryl and Susan.

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JF & CS helps brighten clients' lives

TORONTO —

December was a busy, heartwarming month for everyone at Jewish Family and Child Service.

Festive decorations were hung, plans were being made and chocolate Chanukah gelt was distributed to children at a reception.

The annual Foster Care Chanukah party was once again hosted at Beth Tikvah Synagogue for foster children and the families that provide care for them throughout the year.

Executive director Gordon Wolfe greeted everyone while Chanukah music played in the background. Rabbi Sheldon Steinberg recited the blessings and lit the huge menorah.

Peter Graben donated a lunch of chicken fingers, latkes, coleslaw right down to the applesauce, plum sauce and ketchup. Richman's Bakery, Hermes and Isaac's provided "sufganiyot" (traditional Israeli-style jelly doughnuts).

One of the most touching aspects of Chanukah giving is that children purchase gifts for others less fortunate than themselves. Hillcrest Progressive School had each child bring an unwrapped toy to their Chanukah parties which would be given to a child in care, rather than exchanging gifts among themselves.

As always, Holy Blossom Temple's Shirley Hanick, Marsha Slivka and Jackie Rodgers arranged for gifts for many of the children. Council '86 once again purchased and wrapped gifts for other children, while Ganz Brothers donated stuffed animals.

Charles Bleier, president of Don Mills Lodge B'nai Brith, provided the entertainment. David Ben mesmerized the children with his magic tricks. Don Mills Lodge also provided manpower for serving and cleaning up.

The Pomegranate Guild made stuffed toy dreidels.

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Services of Jewish Family and Child Service coordinated a special celebration for the 35 Jewish residents at Oakridges nursing home. Cantor David Bagley performed, gifts were distributed and latkes were served. Archie Rotenberg organized this event, as well as the other festivals at Oakridges.

Children take part in the JF&CS Chanukah festivities. [Alron photo]

Forty-five Jewish residents at Bayview Villa enjoyed a talent show and Chanukah party presented by Grade 8 students from United Synagogue Day Schools. Yitzchak Argamon, the well-known Toronto musician, a dance group and two pianists performed.

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Organizations and People

What's New

By
MIRIAM HERMAN

DEADLINE REMINDER

Now that the holiday period is behind us, the deadline for What's New and About People returns to regular schedule — Thursday, two weeks prior to publication date. That means Thursday, Jan. 3, is deadline for the Jan. 17 issue, and Thursday, Jan. 10, is deadline for the Jan. 24 issue.

I am at my desk on Thursdays only to receive your calls and sort my mail.

Saturday, Jan. 5

OUR MUSICAL LEGACY

As part of Temple Sinai's Our Musical Legacy program, the Chevrat Torah service on Saturday, Jan. 5, will be held in the sanctuary in celebration of its 18th anniversary and in observance of Jewish Music Month. Special Sabbath music will be presented by **Cantor Severin Weingort** and the Temple Choir directed by **Ben Steinberg**.

Services begin at 10 a.m. at the temple, 210 Wilson Ave.

Sunday, Jan. 6

BREAKFAST MEETING

Congregation Habonim's Breakfast Club invites you to hear **Dr. Henry Fenigstein**, well-known psychiatrist and Holocaust survivor, who will give a humorous and educational lecture on The ABC of Psychiatry.

The date is Sunday, Jan. 6, at 10 a.m. at Beth Habonim, 5 Glen Park Ave. (Bathurst and Glencairn). The cost for breakfast and lecture is $5 per person. For reservations, call 731-0763 or 787-0527.

FROM SWORDS INTO PLOWSHARES

Yavneh Olami of Toronto, an organization for university students and young adults, is presenting a three-part lecture series entitled From Swords Into Plowshares, which will explore diverse aspects of the Mashiach as pertinent to today's Jew.

The series starts on Sunday, Jan. 6, with Christianity — From a Jew Who Has Been There. Guest speaker **Julius Ciss**, director of the Toronto branch of Jews for Judaism, was formerly involved with a Hebrew Christian group for over five years. He will share his insights from his unique experience.

The series continues on Jan. 20 with Wanted: Messiah with **Moshe Sherman** and on Feb. 3 with a panel discussion on Is Modern Day Israel Ready for the Mashiach? with **Prof. Martin Lockshin**.

Lectures will be held at 7:30 p.m. at Tiferet Israel Congregation, 756 Sheppard Ave. W. (just east of Wilmington).

A BANKER'S VIEW

At the Holy Blossom Temple Brotherhood Breakfast Club meeting on Sunday, Jan. 6, **Isaac Muskat**, a vice-president of the Royal Bank of Canada, will discuss A Banker's View of the Economy.

Services are at 9 a.m., breakfast at 9:30 at the temple, 1950 Bathurst St. Everyone is welcome.

GAM-ANON

Gam-Anon, a self-help anonymous group offering support to family and friends affected by someone else's uncontrolled gambling, meets every Sunday at 8 p.m. at St. John's Hospital cafeteria, 285 Cummer Ave.

For information, call 366-7613.

Monday, Jan. 7

JEP LECTURE SERIES

On Monday, Jan. 7, **Rabbi Uziel Milevsky** will discuss A Jewish Basis for Rationing Health Care.

The time is 8 p.m. at JEP/Ohr Somayach, 2939 Bathurst St. For information, call 785-5899.

Tuesday, Jan. 8

T'NACH STUDY GROUP

The T'nach Study Group will be focusing on the Book of Samuel Part I, Chapters XXVII and XXVIII, with lecturer **Joseph Shier** on Tuesday, Jan. 8.

The group meets from 8:15-10 p.m. at Associated Hebrew School, 3630 Bathurst St.

MANIC DEPRESSIVE ASSOCIATION

The Manic Depressive Association of Toronto is holding a meeting on Tuesday, Jan. 8, at 7:30 p.m. at First Unitarian Church, 175 St. Clair Ave. W.

The guest speaker, **T.R. Hosier**, case worker, Canadian Occupational Therapy Association, will speak on Cognitive Strategies for Dealing With Mood Disorders or, The Therapist Within You.

Everyone is welcome. For information about support groups, call 486-8046.

Wednesday, Jan. 9

MASCULINITY AND FEMININITY

Chabad Lubavitch of Markham's seven-part adult education series, Kabbalah II, with **Rabbi Avraham Plotkin**, starts off on Wednesday, Jan. 9, with Masculinity and Femininity: The Genders and G-d.

The lecture takes place at 8 p.m. at the synagogue, 55 Guardsman Rd., Thornhill. For information, call 886-0420.

POMEGRANATE GUILD

The Pomegranate Guild of Judaic Needlework of Toronto invites you to a meeting on Wednesday, Jan. 9, dealing with Introduction to the Guild's Banner Project for Baycrest Hospital.

The time is 8 p.m. at Holy Blossom Temple, 1950 Bathurst St. For information, call **Evelyn Jacobs** at 731-6160.

Thursday, Jan. 10

MAYOR'S BLOOD DONOR CLINIC

A generous way to start the New Year is by attending the Mayor's Blood Donor Clinic on Thursday, Jan. 10, from noon to 8 p.m. at North York City Hall, 5100 Yonge St.

For information, call 224-6085.

LIBRARY FILMS

Two films will be screened at Forest Hill Library on Thursday, Jan. 10. The films are *Harvest of Despair* (1984) and Ming Garden (1983).

Screenings begin at 1:30 p.m. The library is located at 700 Eglinton Ave. W.

And What Else Is New...

PRESIDENT'S MISSION TO ISRAEL

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To register, call 633-5100.

DO YOU WANT TO ACT?

Do you want to be an actor or an actress? Mosaic Theatre Productions is holding auditions for The Odd Couple on Sunday, Jan. 13, at 7 p.m. at Beth Sholom Synagogue, 1445 Eglinton Ave. W.

Mosaic Theatre Productions, your newest Jewish theatre group, is open to everyone and is looking for actors and actresses, ages 18 through 65. The Odd Couple by **Neil Simon** will start rehearsals in February and will be produced May 4, 5, 11 and 12.

If you are interested in working with this theatrical group, contact **Rivka Schechter** at 658-2988, or better yet, just come to the synagogue auditorium on Sunday, Jan. 13.

TEL-AIDE JEWISH DISTRESS LINE

Sensitive listeners are available to listen at Tel-Aide: the Jewish Distress Line at 636-9610.

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SCHOOL OF VISUAL ART

Registration for the Koffler Gallery School of Visual Art for winter 1991 is now open. Courses include Design and Color, Life Drawing (no instructor), Drawing (beginners and advanced), Painting, Stone Sculpture, Clay Sculpture with a model, Ceramic Handbuilding and Potters Wheel, Teen Pottery, Children's Mixed Media Art, and Children's Ceramics.

For more information, call **Rose Brinder** at 636-1880, ext. 269, or 636-2145.

NORTH YORK WOMEN'S CENTRE

The North York Women's Centre, 201 Caribou Rd., has announced its winter program line-up beginning in January.

Stress Management for Women begins Wednesday, Jan. 16, from 7:30-9:30 p.m. for four weeks; Assertiveness Training begins Thursday, Jan. 24, from 7:30-9:30 p.m. for six weeks; Wen-Do self-defence program begins Monday, Jan. 28, from 7:30-10 p.m. for six weeks; Many Worlds of Women begins Jan. 28, from 7:30-9:30 p.m. and will run on various dates through to May; Incest Survivors Support Group meets every Thursday from 6:30-8:30 p.m., starting in January; Menopause Wellness Group meets the first and third Monday of each month from 7:30-9:30 p.m.; Legal Aid Clinic, a female

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FOOD DRIVE

Senior division students at the Bathurst and Bayview branches of United Synagogue Day School capped the Succoth food drive by hosting a Sixties Dance. Admission was a bag of food for the North York Harvest Food Bank. The dance was arranged by the Bathurst branch seniors division student council. In the back row are Justine Tissenbaum (left) and Jared Tessis. Front row Jennifer Kotzer (left) and Marnie Lipman.

BBW HOLDS WEEKEND EVENT

B'nai Brith Women of Canada's second annual Jewish Experience Weekend, held in Gananoque and co-chaired by Anne Strom and Noemi Lieberman was a resounding success. The 80-woman assembly was addressed by renowned Orthodox feminist and scholar Norma Joseph who spoke on Life Cycles of the Jewish Woman. From left are Norma Joseph, scholar-in-residence; Marcia Gurman, BBW/C president, and co-chairmen Anne Strom and Noemi Lieberman.

ORT STAGES FUND RAISER

With keynote speaker Marilou McPhedrin (seated right), lawyer and member of the Order of Canada, at a recent ORT Business and Professional Women's Group fund raiser are (seated, from left) B & P co-president Dr. Lesley Corrin and past president Karen Rubin. At the rear are B & P co-president Pauline Sheps (left) and Kathleen Cook, vice-president, Toronto Women's ORT.

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What's New

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lawyer offers free legal advice Tuesday nights by appointment through the Centre office.

Registration fees vary for each program and for residents and non-residents of Metro Toronto. For more information, contact **Wendy Fraser** at the North York Women's Centre at 781-0479.

JCC NORTH Y VOLUNTEERS

Volunteers are needed immediately at the Jewish Community Centre North Y lottery booth. The JCC North Y branch is located at 4588 Bathurst St.

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SHAAR SHALOM LECTURE SERIES

Shaar Shalom Synagogue's next adult education series, which is open to the public, will be on Historical Personalities Come to Life.

The series kicks off on Tuesday, Jan. 15, with Women Historical Personalities with **Rabbi Sharon Sobel** and then continues on Monday evenings, Jan. 21 with Maimonides with **Rabbi Howard Markose**; Jan 28 with Rashi with **Rabbi Irwin Witty**, and Feb. 4 with the Dark Side of King David with **Rabbi Martin Lockshin**.

All lectures will take place at the synagogue, 2 Simonston Blvd., Thornhill (one block north of Steeles and Don Mills), at 8 p.m. There is a nominal charge.

VOLUNTEERS OF THE YEAR AWARD

Here is an opportunity to recognize and honor a special volunteer who donates volunteer time in the City of North York. You can nominate an individual for the North York Volunteers of the Year Award.

Call the North York Volunteer Centre for details of the program or to receive a nomination form. The nomination deadline is Jan. 31. Act now! Call 481-6194.

ON STAGE

The Canadian premiere of *Bitter Friends*, written by **Gordon Rayfield** and directed by **Jordan Merker**, previews at the Leah Posluns Theatre Wednesday, Jan. 16, and opens Jan. 17. It will run through Feb. 10.

Bitter Friends is the story of an American rabbi who finds his lifelong commitment challenged by a young American Jew who has spied on the U.S. for Israel. The rabbi must decide if the young man is a Jewish hero, a dangerous fanatic or simply a tool of those in power. This play is inspired by events in the recent Pollard spy case.

The box office number is 630-6752.

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at the JCC

Registration is being accepted for Just for Kids at the Jewish Community Centre, offering programs through Fitness and Recreation, Aquatics, Community and Family Services, Koffler Centre School of Dance and Related Arts, School of Music, Koffler Gallery School of Visual Art, Leah Posluns Theatre School.

In preparation for Rikudiyah Dance Festival for Children, Israeli folk dancing is held on Sunday afternoons. Call **Elaine Botnick Mann** at 636-1880 for more information.

Men's floor hockey is being held at the JCC Bloor Y branch, 750 Spadina Ave. (at Bloor) on Tuesdays and Thursdays from 6:30-8:30 p.m. The cost is $10 per 10-week session for JCC members. Come down for some fun and exercise! Call **Lindsay Henderson** at 924-6211 for information.

The North/East Valley branch is featuring Get Fit classes, starting Tuesday, Jan. 15, to March 19, or Friday, Jan. 18, to March 22, from 9:20-10:20 a.m. at the Valley, 7015 Leslie St. After classes there is bagels, coffee and muffins. The cost is $45 for once a week and $85 for twice a week. For pre-registration and information, call **Luni** at 889-0813.

Pre-natal classes begin at the N/E Valley branch Tuesday, Jan. 15 to March 5 from 7:30-9:30 p.m. Call **Luni** at above number for more information.

The N/E Valley branch is offering a six-week workshop geared to separated, divorced or widowed individuals, entitled Towards a New Beginning. It starts Tuesday, Jan. 22 to Feb. 26 from 8-9:30 p.m. Register in advance by calling **Luni** at 889-0813.

The N/E Valley branch is initiating a new group called Twentysomething (ages 24-35). If you are interested in getting involved, call **Luni** at 889-0813.

The N/E Valley branch offers duplicate bridge for members every Monday evening from 7:30-11 at the Valley, 7015 Leslie St. The cost is $3 per session. For more information, call **Luni**.

The JCC N/E Valley Singles Network has arranged a house party at a member's home on Saturday, Jan. 12, at 8 p.m. The cost is $5. Call 889-0813 for more information...Join Singles Network on Sunday, Jan. 13, for skiing. Meet at 10:30 a.m. at the JCC North Y branch, 4588 Bathurst St, in the main lobby. Call **Luni** at 889-0813 to confirm...A dance is set for Saturday, Jan. 19, at 8:30 p.m. at the Valley, 7015 Leslie St. The cost of $8 includes a deejay, refreshments and cash bar...Singles Network is looking for volunteers to help in the planning of programs. If interested, call **Luni** at 889-0813.

Call the JCC Singles Hotline at 889-5101 for 24-hour taped information of events at the JCC and around the city.

for seniors

The Jewish Community Centre Bloor Y branch, 750 Spadina Ave. (at Bloor), offers many exciting seniors programs. Included are dancing, knitting, bridge, fitness and more. To find out about these and other programs, call **Nurit** at 924-6211, ext. 36.

Holy Blossom Temple **Lunch and Learn in Retirement Group** meets at noon at the temple, 1950 Bathurst St. There is no charge. Bring your own lunch and coffee and cookies will be served. The winter series starts off Wednesday, Jan. 16, with guest speaker **Prof. David DeWitt**, director of York University Centre for International and Strategic Studies. Prof. DeWitt, whose field is the Middle East, will speak on International Politics, International Conflict. Beginning with this lecture, the Lunch and Learn Group will be meeting every other Wednesday. The next meeting takes place Jan. 30. For further information, call **Tara** at 789-3291.

Earl Bales Seniors' Club holds a dance every Saturday evening from 7:30-10:30 in the club house. No charge for members, $1 for non-members...A dance with a live band is set for Sunday, Jan. 6, from 7:30-10:30 p.m. at Earl Bales Community Centre (in the park at Bathurst and Eglinton). The charge is $3 members, $4 non-members...A movie will be screened on Wednesday, Jan. 9, at 2 p.m. in the club house. This is free for members, $1 for non-members...Ongoing activities offered in conjunction with North York Board of Education include bridge, ballroom and line dancing, and fitness. Other activities are shuffleboard and woodwork crafts. For information, call 636-7856 Monday to Thursday, 9 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Come to Florida with the **Young at Heart Seniors** for one, two or three months at the Casablanca or Lombardi Hotel. The price is reasonable and includes hotel and tax, airfare and tax, kosher cocktail party and banquet, deluxe medical insurance, cancellation with medical only, shopping and flea market trips, entertainment and much more. The cost is $1,650 (any change in price of airfare will be added) double occupancy (partners available). Also, a bonus of $50 Canadian is being given by the Lombardi Hotel. For information, call **Helen** at 635-6343 after 7 p.m. or **Manny** at 633-7463 after 1:30 p.m.

The Friendship Club at Forest Hill Library, 700 Eglinton Ave. W., features seniors activities such as bridge and more, Monday and Tuesday from noon to 5 p.m. Call the library at 393-7706 for more information.

The Canadian Israeli Club Aluma, for Israelis and Hebrew speaking persons 55 and over, meets every Wednesday evening from 7:30-9:30 p.m. at the Wagman Centre, 55 Ameer Ave. For information, call **Avner Meiri** at 663-1443 or **Oved Azuri** at 631-9794 or **Gitit Gilran** at 789-5131, ext. 2271.

Senior Sinais Golden Book is ongoing. Your donations for special occasions go to Kibbutz Yahal in Israel. Place your order with **Frances Malkin** at 226-3252 or **Ida Himmelstein** at 630-3862 between 7 and 9 p.m.

The LZA Seniors Club group going to Miami for five and seven weeks will be leaving Jan. 16...All regular social activities will continue through out the winter daily from noon to 4 p.m. at the Borochov Centre, 272 Codsell Ave. Light lunches will be available.

Shaarei Shomayim Friendship Club, 470 Glencairn Ave., reports that a trip to Switzerland in May or June with kosher hotels is in the planning...Ongoing programs offered in conjunction with the North York Board of Education — Tai Chi, dancersize and line dancing — continue through the winter. The mental stimulation program will resume in the spring. For information on all activities, contact **Lena** at 785-5773 or **Ruth** at 224-5923...Remember the Golden Book to mark special occasions. Your donations go to Lanaido Hospital and Orphanage in Israel. Call **Dorothy Bloomfield** at 787-1526.

At the **Wagman Centre**, 55 Ameer Ave. — About 20 Romanian seniors have formed a group which meets every second Tuesday afternoon from 1:30-3 at the Wagman Centre. The group, which began this fall, is made up of women and

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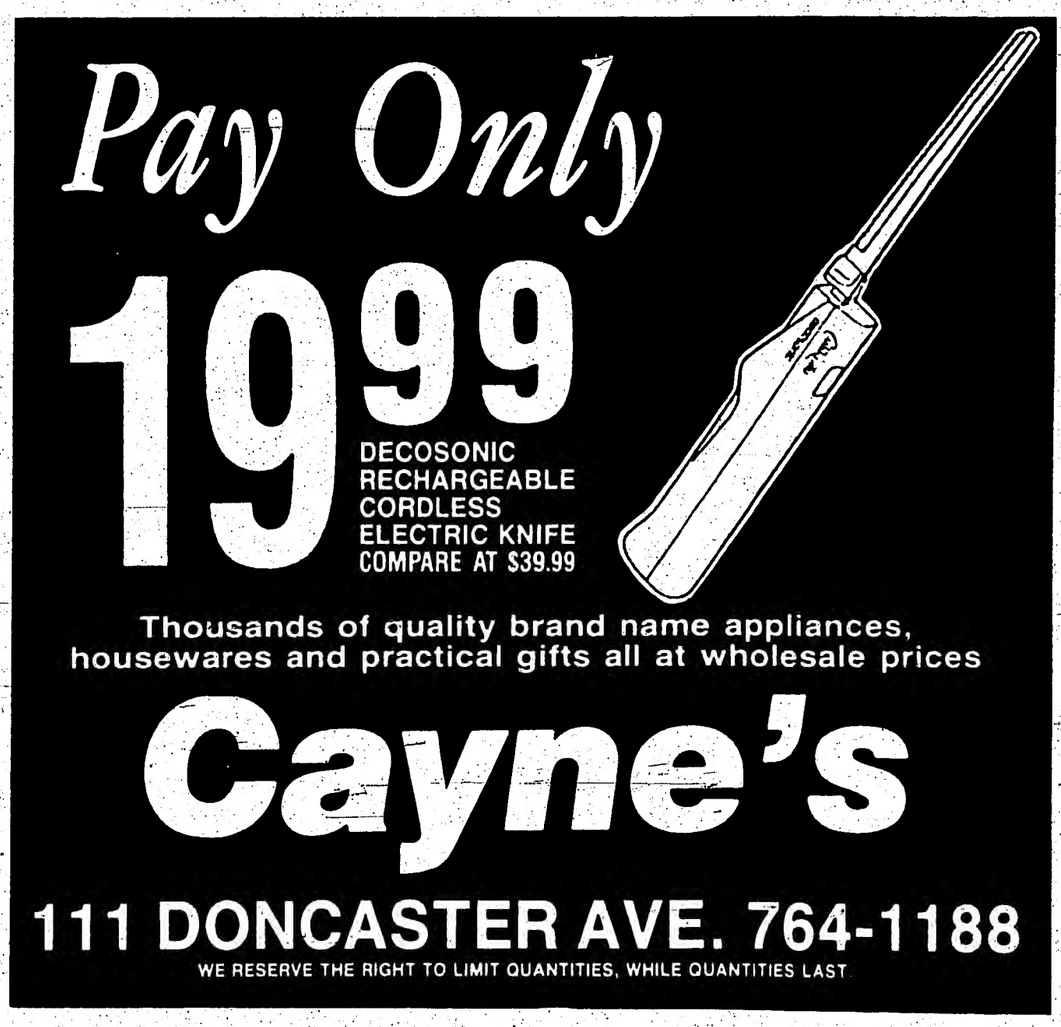
RABBI MOSHE LEVY HONORED

Rabbi Chaim Schmelczer (left), dean of Telshe Yeshiva-Chicago, presents the Alumnus of the Year Award to Rabbi Moshe Lowy, rabbi of Congregation Agudas Israel of Toronto, and Mrs. Lowy, at the yeshiva's recent 30th anniversary banquet.

CJC HONORS CHARLES ZAOINZ

At the recent 27th Plenary of Canadian Jewish Congress, Ontario Region, Charles Zaionz (centre), the region's immediate past chairman, receives a gift from CJC national president Les Scheininger, who is also a past chairman of the region. Looking on is Eric. W. Slavens, current regional chairman. [Zephyr Studios photo]



Organizations and People

What's New

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men, many of them well-educated, professional people, whose mother tongue is Romanian. They discuss topics ranging from politics to poetry. Membership in the Wagman Centre is required for anyone who wishes to join the group. For more information, contact **Gitit Gilran** at 789-5131, ext. 2271.

CENTRE FOR CREATIVE LIVING

The Bernard Betel Centre for Creative Living is located at 1003 Steeles Ave. W. The phone number is 225-2112.

The Centre, in partnership with North York Board of Education Continuing Education, is offering a new program, The Art of Basketry, with **Tammy Haberman** on Mondays from 1-3 p.m., beginning Jan. 7. This is free to all members of the Centre and to all persons over the age of 60 residing in Metro Toronto. Non-members under 60 will be charged $1 per instructional hour. There is a material fee of $2 members per basket and $3 non-members per basket. For more information, call **Norma** at 225-2112.

La'Briyut Wellness Centre's support group, Be Good to Your Heart, with public health nurse **Sandra McMillan**, will provide information and support to help you reduce the risk of heart disease and stroke. Each week a specialist will be present to guide you to a healthy lifestyle. The program will run on Wednesdays from 10-11:30 a.m. on Jan. 16, 23, 30, Feb. 6, 13, 20, 27. Register with Sandra at the Wellness desk or call 225-2112.

A special health program features family life educator **Eleanor Miller** who will lead four workshops on Creative Living dealing with In the '90s — Life After 50 — Meet the Challenge. You will have the opportunity to choose the topics. This program is geared to those who are eager to make plans for their future and take responsibility for their well-being today. Coffee will be served. The workshop dates are Thursdays from 10 a.m. to noon on Jan. 24, 31, Feb. 7, 14. Register early as space is limited. Register with Sandra at the Wellness desk. This program is co-sponsored by Social Services.

On Thursday, Jan. 10, at 1:30 p.m. the Wellness Centre health lecture series is presenting Relaxation Imagery — can close your eyes, create pictures in your mind to help you relax and improve your health.

Etrog, the Israel cultural club for Hebrew speaking older adults, meets every Tuesday at 7 p.m. Call **Helen Issenberg** at 225-2112 for further information...Also, Etrog is forming a Hebrew choir. If you love singing and are able to participate, call Helen at above number.

The Friendship Circle for people 55 and over, and single, meets every other Thursday at 7 p.m. Meetings are for Friendship Circle members only. The fee is $1 and refreshments are served. On Jan. 3 **Norma Franks** from the Camera Club will show slides on France and Norway.

A new and exciting program is being initiated for the more energetic senior. A working committee is being formed to plan, develop and implement programs, lectures, day trips and long tours for the senior who is mobile and energetic. Any senior 55 plus is welcome to call for information about this active program. People interested in either sitting on the committee or attending all future programs, outings and events must be members of the Centre. The first planning committee meeting is set for Tuesday, Jan. 22, at 1:30 p.m. For further information, call **Barbara Zigler**, coordinator of volunteer services and specialized programs, at 225-2112.

About People

SHAAREI SHOMAYIM BROTHERHOOD

Shaarei Shomayim Brotherhood is holding its annual installation breakfast following services on Sunday, Jan. 6. Incoming president **Serge Eisenberg** will be installed along with first vice-president **Henry Zieleniec**, second vice-president **Joel Miller**, treasurer **Bernard Mintz**, recording secretary **Andrew Kaminker**, corresponding secretary **Samy Ouanounou** and honorary treasurer **Ben Stark**. Immediate past president is **David Kaminker**.

singles events

Singles Events is an advertising feature of The Canadian Jewish News. ***Deadline is Monday, 5:00 p.m., 10 days preceding issue date.*** *For rates or to place an ad, please call Alan at 422-2528.*

The Jewish Community Centre of Toronto, North East Valley Branch, 7015 Leslie St. is offering a six week workshop entitled **"Towards A New Beginning"**. This is geared to separated, divorced and widowed individuals. From Tuesday, January 22-Tuesday February 28, 8:00-9:30 P.M. To sign up call Luni at 889-0813, before January 15. 3188

Metro Toronto Singles presents a singles night at **Le Club** at the **Inn On The Park** hotel (Leslie/Eglinton). Sunday, January 6, 8:00pm. Cover $10.00. Call **222-7111**. 3185

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At the recent "Topping Out" ceremony of the Children's Medical Center of Israel held within the structurally completed CMCI building located on the campus of Kupat Holim's Beilinson Medical Center in Petach Tikva, Irving and Helen Schneider (left and centre), major donors and initiators of the medical centre, are seen with Jerusalem Mayor Teddy Kollek.

AMAL FRIENDS HOLD RECEPTION

Brig.-Gen. Avigdor Kahalani (second from right), one of the most decorated leaders of the IDF and currently director general of the Amal schools, recently addressed a reception of the New Leadership division of the Canadian Friends of Amal. With him are (from left) Mark Zigler, vice-president; Michael Rosensweig, secretary, and Michael Mitchel, president.

Northern Jewish centres warm to new JNF linkage

By
MOURA WOLPERT

SUDBURY —

Thanks to regional Keren Kayemeth representative Yigal Yardeni, there will soon be a blue box in every Jewish home in every Jewish community, no matter how small, throughout Ontario's northern region.

The blue and white Jewish National Fund box can be found in most Jewish homes in large communities but as Yardeni has discovered, few, if any, of the Jews in smaller centres are familiar with it.

Now all that is being changed as the intrepid, Hamilton-based Israeli braves freezing temperatures and winter storms to visit the Jewish communities of northern Ontario in order to acquaint them with the work of the JNF.

In Sudbury, for instance, Yardeni found "40 Jewish families very active and very determined to maintain a Jewish life."

The Jews here and in the other northern cities he visited are very anxious, he said, to maintain their link with Jewish organizations and Israel. They particularly appreciated his coming to visit them during the winter, he said.

"What I'm trying to do," he told The CJN, "is to bring blue boxes and trees to every Jewish home and to every Jewish school."

Projects outlined

Tree cards can be sent on any occasion, he pointed out. As well, Yardeni hopes to interest not only Jews but also gentiles in the various JNF foundation projects.

Like Jews everywhere, the northern communities are responding with enthusiasm to Operation Exodus. One message Yardeni is bringing them is of the vital role the Jewish National Fund is playing in the absorption of Soviet immigrants by providing land and infrastructure for the development of 30,000 housing units, mainly, he said, in Eilat, Beersheba, Ashdod, Ofakim, Maalot and Carmiel.

At a well-attended meeting in Sudbury, Yardeni explained the work of the JNF, showed a video and distribiuted blue boxes, the first for many families.

Tony Carpino has been named JNF chairman and Rose Carpino will be in charge of the newly established JNF number for tree cards, certificates and all related JNF business such as issuing tax receipts.

Carpino can be reached at 705-566-0909 or 705-674-2588.

Tony Carpino will also act as chairman for Timmins, whose dozen or so Jewish families make the three hour drive to Sudbury for High Holy Day services and other occasions.

According to Yardeni, the north has not been as severely affected by the recession as central Ontario. He said that the relocation of government departments is attracting young people, including Jews.

Young families considering moving here, he said, will find "a beautiful synagogue," established in 1960, which after 25 years without a spiritual leader, now has its own rabbi.

Rabbi hired

Rabbi Abraham Avnit, an Israeli who previously served in Zimbabwe and Australia, recently arrived with his wife and five children. He serves as cantor, shoichet and mohel, teaches a course on Jewish philosophy to 26 students at Laurentian University and is also in charge of Jewish education in North Bay, where he conducts services once a month.

Rabbi Avnit has also persuaded Food City to introduce a kosher foods section, including meat, at its Sudbury supermarket.

The community's president is Mitch Spiegel, whose wife, Donna, is also actively involved, and the local Hadassah-WIZO chapter is headed by Judy Zelikovitz.

The Talmud Torah religious school has an enrolment of 10 students and among its teachers is former Moroccan Isaac Abitbul, supervisor of French for four area high schools as well as the shul's gabbai.

Yardeni also visited the 25 Jewish families of North Bay. Here, too, he acquainted the community, whose president is Martin Brown, with the function of the Jewish National Fund, distributed blue boxes and established a JNF number, 705-472-2542. In charge is Elinor Herman, who will take orders for and send out tree cards, certificates and issue tax receipts.

Toronto student awarded a Canada-U.S. scholarship

TORONTO —

Of the 11 1990/91 FEREP scholarships, one has been awarded to a Canadian student from Toronto. Wendy Halpern was selected from over 40 applicants representing the United States and Canada seeking the Federation Executive Recruitment and Education Program (FEREP) scholarship, sponsored by the Council of Jewish Federations.

FEREP, a career track program established in 1971, seeks to attract individuals demonstrating promise as Federation professionals and provide scholarships for training, educational and practicum with on-going career guidance and placement services following probation. The University of Toronto has participated in the FEREP Consortium since 1984, through the graduate Social Work Program.

The FEREP award offers recipients a two-year scholarship to cover the tuition costs while attending a selected social work or Jewish communal service graduate program at Jewish consortium universities in the United States and Canada. FEREP graduates are obligated to assume professional responsibilities in the Federation field upon completing program.

FEREP recipients receive training for a Federation career at one of the following institutions: the Baltimore Institute for Jewish Communal Service/University of Maryland School of Social Work and Community Planning and Baltimore Hebrew University (Batlimore); Columbia University School of Social Work and the Jewish Theological Seminary (New York); Hebrew Union College — Jewish Institute of Religion/University of Southern California (Los Angeles); George Warren Brown University (St. Louis); The Hornstein School of Jewish Communal Service, Brandeis University (Boston); The Case Western Reserve Mandel School of Applied Sciences (Cleveland); the University of Toronto Faculty of Social Work (Toronto); the Wurzweiler School of Social Work of Yeshiva University (New York); and the University of Pennsylvania School of Social Work and Gratz College (Philadelphia).

Canadian students can contact the respective Canadian Federations throughout Canada and the Coucil of Jewish Federations Canadian office (416) 635-9567.

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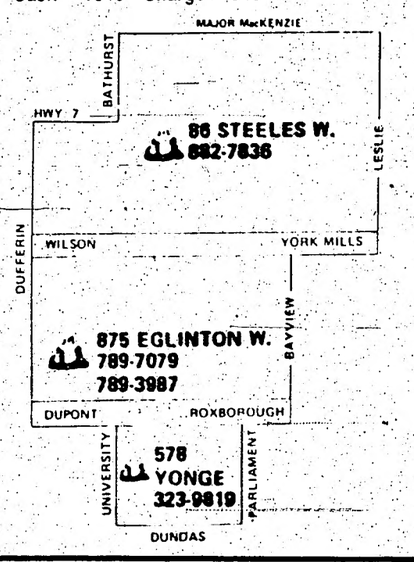

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Arts

Self-taught Ron Henig creates artwork for shuls

By
MIRIAM CHINSKY

TORONTO —

Ron Henig combines Talmudic understanding with wide-ranging artistry in the works he has designed for synagogues in Canada and the United States.

Versatility is his hallmark. Among his commissions are Torah arks, stained glass windows, silk tapestries, wall reliefs, even a brit chair.

Self-taught in such crafts as wood, stone, metal and glass, he works with skilled artisans to produce the original pieces. He also paints and sculpts and has mastered the precise calligraphy used in ketubot (wedding contracts) and gittin (divorce documents).

Born in Romania, Henig lived in Israel and the United States before coming to Canada. A graduate of Maimonides College, the 37-year-old father of seven brings a strong sense of reverence to his art.

A handsome Ark of the Torah completed in conjunction with architect Richie Idels for Agudath Israel of Toronto Congregation and a series of extraordinary stained glass windows fashioned in cooperation with architect Ben Schultz for Wolinsky Synagogue in Baycrest Home for the Aged, illustrate his commitment.

At Agudath Israel, the polished oak Torah cabinet is faced with white marble which rises to a peak representing Mt. Sinai. Above are 12 deeply carved glass panels symbolizing the tribes of Israel. (Jewish law restricts somewhat the depiction of humans and animals).

There is significance in every line and the total concept, Henig explains, is "The Torah of G-d is complete."

He is inventive, too. Because Agudath Israel sanctuary also functions as a hall, he has engineered a mechanism to roll back the Torah cabinet — a moveable Ark — for simchas and meetings.

The five large stained glass windows at Baycrest, which are especially relevant for seniors, define the Jewish life cycle with warmth and directness. Benign, rounded figures, have the immediacy of real people.

The windows should be viewed from right to left, just as we read Hebrew.

In the first window, which represents the beginning of the cycle, a bubby holds her newborn granddaughter, a zayde is seen with his infant grandson, the Prophet Elijah blows a shofar and an angel blesses the babies. Green leaves suggest early spring.

Window two highlights the growing youngsters' search for guidance as they turn to the grandparents who are their link with the past. The girl learns to bless the candles with her bubby and the boy studies Talmud with his zayde.

The third window represents the summer of life when the young people marry. In the background, the grandparents hold up a candle, the beacon of Jewish traditic . A full bloom marks the i owering of the bridal couple's lives and the promise of continuity.

In window four, life has entered its autumn with the leaves deepening into reds and browns. Now, the seasoned Jew realizes the importance of his role as storyteller, bridging past and future. The zayde recalls the exodus from Egypt, the seder plate is heaped with symbolic foods and the new generation learns of its heritage.

The fifth window, which might be expected to exemplify winter, emphasizes instead the devout Jew's belief in rejuvenation, when all souls will be revived with the coming of the Messiah. The angel carries the spark of new life and Elijah comes with his shofar to awaken the dead and reunite them with their loved ones.

A separate window in the west wall is a memorial to Jewish martyrs. A rabbi, bearing the yellow Star of David on his chest, holds his hands up to G-d, asking that his own sacrifice for the sake of our faith, be accepted. On the star is the word "Zachor," Remember!

Henig has designed major works for other synagogues and community centres in the Toronto area, including Beth Avraham Yosef, Beth Jacob of Toronto, B'nai Torah, the Lubavitch Community Centre and the Jewish Russian Community Centre. He has also fulfilled commissions in Winnipeg and Memphis.

A notable command of color and line typify his designs.

Constant in his devotion, he experiences true spiritual fulfillment when he creates that which contributes meaning and beauty to a synagogue. "I feel I'm accomplishing a great deal for Judaism," he affirms.

Stained glass window at Baycrest Centre for Geriatric Care.

British performer's one-man show will give theatregoers the Dickens

The Lively ARTS

By
FRANK RASKY

Like Charles Dickens, a top parliamentary reporter for the *London Morning Chronicle* in the 19th century, I sometimes rejoice in the power of the press.

That power became meaningful to me when I recently attended the opening of *The Best Of Times, The Worst Of Times* (running until Jan. 12 at the Bayview Playhouse, 1605 Bayview Ave., 481-6191).

It's a one-man Charles Dickens show, in which British actor Robert Russell impersonates the novelist as well as various fictional characters the writer created.

Russell, a bald and bearded stage veteran of 53, wearing a florid vest and a white Victorian choker, and using only a desk, an oil lamp and a few books as props, is not as gifted as Emlyn Williams, who presented a similar Dickens show at the Bayview 12 years ago.

As though by magic, Williams could transform himself into a whole gallery of three-dimensional Dickensian characters in the twinkling of an eye. What's more, he was a matchless storyteller, his voice brimming with the power and poetry of music.

Nevertheless, Russell is an engaging and sometimes gripping performer. He is especially adroit as the melodramatic narrator of a Dickens ghost story. He infuses with horror the scene from *A Tale Of Two Cities* in which Madame De Farge gleefully knits while awaiting the death by guillotine of the evil French marquis.

And though he comes close to caricature, I also liked his blend of humor and pathos when depicting the debt-ridden Mr. Micawber (evidently based on Dickens' own father); the sly waiter chiseling a meal and a big tip out of the naive David Copperfield (who is actually Charles Dickens as a boy, with his CD initials reversed to DC); and his portrait of fat Mr. Pickwick introducing the shabby-genteel Mr. Jingle to his sporting club (all Dickensian brain children).

Alas, the whole evening was spoiled for me when Russell presented Oliver Twist's encounter with that pickpocket master of slum boys, lisping Fagin, described in the Dickens' narrative as "the old, shrivelled Jew."

After the show, I asked Russell forthrightly, "Why did you decide to portray Fagin?"

"Because he's one of Dickens' most famous characters."

"Well, I notice you didn't do Ebenezer Scrooge, who's hardly an anonymous character," I retorted. "Don't you realize you're perpetuating an anti-Semitic stereotype as vile as Shakespeare's Shylock?"

"I've always hated the bigotry in *The Merchant Of Venice*," said Russell. "I assure you, I didn't mean to offend any Jews."

"Well, I found it offensive. And I'm sure my readers will, too. Why don't you omit the word, 'Jew,' just as they did when Alec Guinness played Fagin in the 1948 film version of Oliver Twist. Likewise, Fagin is not identified as Jewish in the later musical version, *Oliver!*"

Russell promised to change the offensive phrase to "old, shrivelled man" and shook hands on his agreement. As Dickens would surely agree, it's nice when the pen proves more powerful than the sword.

The Best Of Times, The Worst Of Times is not the best of one-man shows, but neither is it the worst. I'd call it an agreeable show, somewhere in between.

Charles Dickens impersonator Robert Russell is sometimes a gripping storyteller in one-man show at Bayview Playhouse.

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Robert Redford and Lena Olin in Havana.

Pollack's Havana flawed by inadequate editing

Film

By SHELDON KIRSHNER

Sydney Pollack's *Havana* glitters enticingly like an effervescent Latin city at night, but glowing images of Caribbean pleasure domes pale when a film, such as this one, is basically an empty shell.

While *Havana* captures Havana's tropical gaiety and attempts to distill Cuba's endemic corruption on the eve of the 1959 revolution, it merely glosses over the real issue at hand — the socio-economic situation that spawned internal discontent. Instead, it focuses on a pair of doomed, photogenic lovers.

As well, *Havana* would have benefited from drastic editing. And because Pollack lets it run on endlessly for almost 2½ hours, *Havana* meanders aimlessly.

Robert Redford, still ruggedly handsome and debonair, plays Jack Weil, a slightly seedy American gambler who arrives on the island as Fidel Castro's rebel forces edge closer to the capital. On board the Havana-bound ship, Weil meets Roberta Duran (Lena Olin), a "seriously beautiful" (he is not exaggerating) revolutionary of Swedish origin who's married to an earnest Cuban freedom fighter (Raul Julia).

Although Weil is apolitical and disinterested in Cuban politics, he becomes embroiled in their cause.

Until about midway through *Havana*, the great unseen presence is a powerful figure whom Redford and the cocky manager of a gambling casino (Alan Arkin) refer to as Meyer. Meyer is none other than the notorious Meyer Lansky, the Jewish-American underworld kingpin who controlled the rackets in Cuba.

When Lansky (Mark Rydell) finally appears on screen, he comes off as an ill-tempered, screaming bully who wants to know why the Batista government, whose officials are in his pocket, hasn't yet wiped out the pesky Castro.

Now playing at Cineplex Odeon theatres, *Havana* deals only peripherally with the authentic problems of pre-revolutionary Cuba. The focus is on superficial glamor — Redford's amorous escapades and his card-playing forays, which don't really work because they're anything but compelling.

Havana, too, is simplistic. For example: Jack takes Roberta to task for wanting to change the world. She would be better advised, he says, if she tried to change *him!*

In the final analysis, *Havana* falters because it skirts the issues and just goes on and on and on. The final scene is particularly painful. If Pollack, an Oscar winner for *Out of Africa*, had spent more time in the cutting room, and less on glamorizing Havana, *Havana* might well have had a chance to succeed.

SNIPPETS...

•Rob Reiner's *Misery* is well worth one's time. This taut psychological thriller, set in a remote cabin in midwinter, stars James Caan and Kathy Baker. Caan is a celebrity novelist taken prisoner by Baker, his psychotic "number one" fan. The sparks really do fly.

•*Edward Scissorhands* is an enchanting fable by Tim Burton, the maker of *Batman* and *Beetlejuice*. Better-than-average performances by Johnny Depp, Winona Ryder and Dianne Wiest.

•*Three Men and a Little Lady*, the sequel to *Three Men and a Baby*, the hightest grossing film of the 1987 season, is a sure-fire winner, a cinematic treat for young and old alike. It stars Tom Selleck, Ted Danson and Steve Guttenberg.

•Imagine what happens when a wild eight-year-boy is accidentally left at home by his vacation-bound family and bumbling burglars try to break in. The result is *Home Alone*, a howler the kids will especially enjoy.

BOOKS IN REVIEW

Film fans may well enjoy *Movie Anecdotes* (Oxford University Press, $24.95) by Peter Hay.

Studio moguls like Jack Warner and Samuel Goldwyn and actors like Peter Lorre and Tony Curtis take pride of place in this amusing volume.

Doubtlessly, some of his subjects would rather forget their precious pearls of wisdom. To wit: when Warner Brothers released the first feature film with sound, *The Jazz Singer* (starring Al Jolson) in 1927, a reporter sought out Irving Thalberg's opinion. Thalberg, an MGM production chief, said: "Novelty is always welcome, but talking pictures are just a fad."

Thalberg was way off the mark, but he made a brilliant career in the talkies.

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Movie studios occasionally let a film drop into oblivion because it's hard to market to a mass audience. Among them have been *F/X*, *Melvin and Howard*, *Salvador* and *Lodz Ghetto*.

In *Produced and Abandoned: The Best Films You've Never Seen* (Raincoast Books, $12.95), critics such as Pauline Kael, Stephen Schiff, David Edelstein and Julie Salamon searchingly explore these neglected pictures.

Lampoons everyone, everything

Mason flaunts comic skills

By GERRY MORRIS

The CJN New York theatre critic. Member of Outer Critics Circle, Drama Desk and American Theatre Critics Association.

NEW YORK —

Brand New is true to its title, and has no repeat material drawn from Mason's earlier one-man show *The World According to Jackie Mason*, which became a surprise Broadway hit four years ago.

Mason's current show is a 2½-hour display of hilarious, unadulterated comedy. The squat, cherubic stand-up comedian, wearing a conservative double-breasted suit and red tie, comes on to a glitzy stage where seven monitors flash pictures that illustrate various topics as Mason discusses them. There is also a sumptuous T.V. anchorman's desk, and clocks depicting the time not only in New York, Los Angeles and Japan, but also in Tel Aviv and Miami Beach.

The famous comic proceeds to do what he does best, lampooning virtually everyone and everything — celebrities, world leaders, New York's potholes, Mayor Dinins, Dan Quayle ("Does anybody know where the vice-president is?"), accompanied by his omnipresent comparison of Jews and gentiles. Take the difference between Jews and gentiles purchasing a new home: "The gentile," Mason states, "examines the pipes, the wiring, gives the walls a few kicks. The Jew wants to know 'how many closets?' ", and he then asks sardonically: "Have you ever seen a Jewish coal miner?".

Mason has had a disastrous movie career (The latest bomb: Caddyshack II), a major T.V. sitcom turkey called *Chicken Soup*, and has lost a bundle in theatre productions investing in himself as Sir Laurence Olivier's only rival.

Jackie Mason

Mason has a modest degree of histrionic ability and is clearly uncomfortable interpreting other people's scenarios. He unequivocally fails to generate sufficient authenticity or proper audience acceptance when he is exposed to impersonal and foreign characterizations. Conversely the comic shines when he is unabashedly Jackie Mason playing his own topical material, embellishing his gags with thick Yiddish voice intonations, choppy hand gestures and well-timed Borscht Belt shrug.

There is no question Mason has a brilliant, semi-masochistic gift for analyzing the human condition in every kind of turmoil. Although some of his jokes border perilously on bad taste, they still vibrate with basic truth. He talks about how the United States has no money for the homeless but has for defunct savings and loan coporations. He talks about how people pretend they're happily married, cheat all the time, then tell their children never to lie.

The man has boundless chutzpah and is not afraid to take on controversial and tricky issues. He spills his truths with sharpness, pungency and brilliant timing.

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Newman and Winger candid about Jewish heritage

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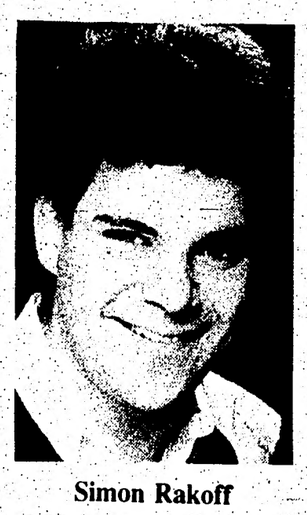
Simon Rakoff

Judy Siblin-Rakoff

This week I'd like to offer notes and quotes relating to two Jewish movie stars, currently appearing in two films being shown in Toronto.

Besides their Jewish heritage, they have two other things in common: Both were born in Cleveland, where their fathers were merchants. And both are regarded as sex symbols.

One is 65-year-old **Paul Newman**, co-starring with his wife **Joanne Woodward** in *Mr. and Mrs. Bridge*; he portrays the WASP patriarch of a conservative Republican Kansas City family.

The other is 35-year-old **Debra Winger**, co-starring with **John Malkovich** in *The Sheltering Sky*; she portrays a neurotic and erotic novelist-wife who runs off in the Sahara Desert to have a love affair with the handsome leader of a band of desert nomads.

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Let's begin with **Paul Newman**. I call him Jewish advisedly. He told me so himself during an interview I'll never forget.

We were drinking bottles of Coors beer on a mountain top in Arizona, where he was on location for the shooting of the 1967 film, *Hombre*.

In fact, Newman told me during our merry liquid lunch, he was half Jewish.

His father, **Arthur Newman**, was a "quiet, erudite, brilliant" German Jew, who worked as a reporter for the *Cleveland Press* before being persuaded to run the family's prosperous sporting goods store.

His mother, **Theresa Fetzer**, was a Catholic of Hungarian descent, described by Newman as "an absolutely gorgeous woman with a volcanic emotional makeup."

She raised him as a Christian Scientist. This meant "I didn't come away with any beliefs." But now, declares Newman, he calls himself a Jew, "because it's more of a challenge."

I found Newman to be a whimsical, sensitive, hard-working actor, who does considerable research for every role he has played. But he doesn't consider himself a classic actor, who can be ranked alongside of a truly great thespian like **Sir Laurence Olivier**.

"My temperament is too erratic to achieve that sort of stature," he said semi-jocularly. "Some days I get up in the morning and I feel I could tackle playing Hamlet. Other days I get up and I can't even spit straight."

Yet he admits he's vain enough to resent the notion that his box-office appeal is all due to his physical appearance, especially his vivid blue eyes. He grimaced and said he can just imagine his epitaph.

"It will probably read: 'Here lies Paul Newman. He was an actor best known for his bloodshot baby-blue eyes.' "

I prefer to remember him as the actor, who when asked how long he can continue playing a romantic hero, coined the memorable line:

"Oh, there's a little mustard left in the old fox yet."

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I never did get to interview **Debra Winger**, who gained her reputation in *Urban Cowboy* (co-starring **John Travolta**), *An Officer And A Gentleman* (**Richard Gere**), *Legal Eagles* (**Robert Redford**) and especially *Terms Of Endearment* (competing with **Shirley MacLaine** for an Academy Award).

However, I gained an insight into her personality from the breezy new book by **Nancy Collins**, former interviewer on the *Today* show and an *Esquire* magazine contributor. It bears the long-winded omnibus title, *Hard To Get Fast Talk And Rude Questions Along The Interview Trail* (Random House of Canada; 357 pages; $24.95). But her collection of celebrity profiles is a pleasure to read.

Collins describes Winger this way:

"To the public, Winger is the bad girl who's been around, who brags she can 'drink a sailor under the table,' chain-smokes, swears like a minor league ballplayer, and admits she finds women 'untrustworthy.' Her tough, almost defiantly macho stance has not prevented her from creating, on film, some of the earthiest, most emotionally available women of the decade.

"She shoots from the hip and takes the consequences. She is very smart, very funny, and very candid."

She is also very Jewish. Her father was a retailer-distributor of kosher foods and her mother used to manage offices in Cleveland. She was largely raised by her Orthodox grandparents.

"I loved keeping kosher," says Winger. "I thought my mother was going to burn in hell when she moved to California and became Conservative. I was a complete freak, fanatical about it. I still love Jewish traditions, although not arbitrarily."

Special memories

She says she was greatly influenced by her maternal bubbie and zayde, especially by her grandfather who died in 1986 at the age of 86.

"I took his death really hard," says Winger. "He lived his life so beautifully. He was the fix-it man — always fixing the neighborhood kids' toys. The day after he died, a little boy knocked on the door with a broken toy and said, 'Papa, fix it.' He was so great in his life that it gives you a very clear sense of what greatness is. It's not about fame, fortune, how many people you reach. It's about the quality of your life.

"His death changed me. It gave me this freedom. My grandfather was one of the few people in the family I always wanted to please. The little girl in me still lived as long as he lived. When he went, I just didn't have very many things to answer to anymore; so anybody who disapproved of my marriage didn't matter, because my grandfather wasn't alive."

Two months after the death of her grandfather, she married the actor, **Tim Hutton**, whom she has since divorced. "My grandmother and I haven't talked for a long time," she says. "Because Tim wasn't Jewish, she didn't even come to the wedding."

How did she get along playing the leading lady opposite that king of WASPdom, **Robert Redford**, in *Legal Eagles*? She says:

"Everybody was waiting for total disaster, but we got along great. We're so different. I think he was intrigued, and I liked the fact that he was older and set in his ways so I could rouse him up a little bit. I called him The Unnatural, which got him upset, although the people who work for him call him God. When we were shooting, there were times he was a bit too diplomatic for my taste, but he was definitely a gentleman."

Collins wound up her interview with the incomplete statement: "I just stopped to think about the fact that most of the big actresses today — Meryl and Jessica and Sally — are . . ."

"Not Jewish," Winger cut in. "*Goy* heaven. Those are the girls that my older brother wasn't allowed to go out with."

"Would your brother be allowed to go out with a girl like you?" Collins concluded. "You do realize that many men find you very sexy?"

Winger just laughed and laughed convulsively.

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This week's tip of my hat goes to the following creators in the arts.

Mazel tov to Toronto standup comic and film-writer **Simon Rakoff** and his equally gifted wife, entertainment journalist and author **Judy Siblin-Rakoff**, both very busy this month.

Simon, the 30-year-old son of **Dr. Vivian Rakoff**, former chief of psychiatry at the Clarke Institute, probably is best known for his comedy sketches on CBC-Radio's *Morningside*. He and his partner, **Howard Nemetz**, leave for Los Angeles this week to write TV and film scripts.

Judy has just published via her own publishing firm, Canopy Press, the third edition of her funny and informative $16.95 *Toronto Wedding Handbook* (782-9046). It's crammed with how-to tips, and I particularly liked the chapter on marriage memoirs by celebrities such as comedian **Frank Shuster** and theatre impresario **Ed Mirvish**. Judy is planning *Down The Aisle*, a syndicated radio show based on her marriage guide; and also *In The Spotlight*, a 30-minute TV series that will showcase Canada's performing artists.

Actress **Cayle Chernin** stars in *The Third Ingredient*, a half-hour drama that will be shown at 2 p.m. Jan. 18 on the CBC-TV anthology series, "Reflections." An adaptation of an **O. Henry** short story, she portrays a struggling artist who does readings at a home for retired seniors — an activity that the actress frequently does in real life.

Maryon Kantaroff, my favorite Canadian sculptor, is flying to Japan for the Jan. 21 installation of her marvellous $65,000 sculpture titled *Wave* in the new Canadian embassy in Tokyo.

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I bow out with this Yiddish proverb cited in *The Manager's Book Of Quotations* compiled by **Jonathan Siegel** and **Lewis Eigen** (Prentice-Hall Canada; 528 pages; $36.95):

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The ABLE/Disabled Creative Arts Centre: Drawings, prints and watercolors by Hungarian born Janos Buda. To Jan. 19. At 71 McCaul St. (Village by the Grange). 971-5110.

Arnold Gottlieb Gallery: Stephen Patterson, exceptionally colorful experimental photographs. Through January. 80 Spadina Ave. Suite 313. Phone 359-0103.

Art Gallery of Hamilton: Daniel Solomon, large, bright non-figurative paintings. Jan. 17-March 17. *Images of Women*, historic and contemporary works from the gallery's permanent collection. Jan. 17-June 16. *Earth and Heaven*, Marla Panko, mixed media paintings. Until Fe. 3. Murray Kropf, bas-relief plywood sculpture and free-standing sculpture. To Jan. 27. At 123 King St. W. in Hamilton. (416) 527-6610.

Art Gallery of Ontario: *Walter Trier: A Celebration of Toys.* Continues to Jan. 13. *Selected Baroque Paintings from Italian Banks.* To Jan. 27. *Contemporary French Art*, a comprehensive exhibition exploring artistic production in France during the 1980s. Jan. 25-Apr. 7. At 317 Dundas St. W. 977-0414.

Bau-Xi Gallery: *Pacific Voyage*, new works by Roz Marshall. Jan. 8-27. Alistair Bell, etchings and prints. Jan. 29-Feb. 17. At 340 Dundas St. W. 977-0600.

Bonnie Kagan Gallery: Group show, abstracts by gallery artists, including Helen Zenith, Judy Singer and Gail Ashby. Through January. 80 Spadina Ave. Suite 304. Phone 364-6181.

Darlene's Gallery of Art: Featuring recent paintings and prints by watercolorist Margaret Roseman, plus gallery artists. Jan. 2-31. At 5919 Leslie St. 490-0107.

The Drabinsky Gallery: *The M3 Three Montreal Painters*, Marc Garneau, Michael Smith and Daniel Villeneuve. Continues through January. Wanda Koop, large works on plywood. Jan. 19-Feb. 13. At 86 Scollard St. 324-5766.

Evelyn Aimis Gallery: Gallery artists. Through January. 14 Hazelton Ave. 961-0878.

Extension (a print and drawing gallery): Bev Pike, Steve Guthro, Jeff Funnell. Jan. 12-Feb. 13. At 80 Spadina Avae. Suite 503. Phone 977-5311 ext. 323.

First Impressions Gallery: Gallery artists and gallery gifts. January. 3441 Yonge St. 487-2887.

Galerie Beaux Arts: Gallery artists. Through January. 2064 Avenue Rd. 322-0995.

Galerie Dresdnere: Group exhibition during January. 12 Hazelton Ave. 923-4662.

Gallery Moos: International artists, including Karel Appel, Jean Arp, Sorel Etrog, Jean Paul Riopelle, Lynn Chadwick. During January. 136 Yorkville Ave., 922-0627.

Gallery One: Harold Feist. New abstract paintings on canvas. Jan. 12-Feb. 7. At 121 Scollard St. 929-3103.

Gallery Sheila Roth: Original Canadian prints and works on paper. Artists include Riopelle, Sue Rusk, Ghitta Caiserman-Roth, Molinari, Lillian Vineberg. Also, Inuit carvings from Baffin Island and Northern Quebec. 276 Avenue Rd. 920-0112.

Garnet Press Gallery: *Cedar Exchange*, a site-specific outdoor installation by Alex de Cosson. To March 25. *Empowerment*, photo based work by Rob Flack. Exterior mural, John Abrams. Ongoing. 680 Richmond St. W. 366-5012.

Harbourfront: Sandra Meigs, *Pas de Deux*, two major works. *Interjections:* a series of modest project-based exhibitions. Both to Jan. 13. *Architecture Tomorrow: Domestic Arrangements*, Tod Williams, Billie Tsien and Associates. Until Feb. 3. All in The Power Plant, 231 Queen's Quay W. 363-5017.

The Innuit Gallery of Eskimo Art: Matthew Akeeya, sculpture from Baker Lake. Jan. 25-mid February. 9 Prince Arthur Ave. 921-9985.

The Isaacs Gallery: Domestic still-life paintings and landscapes by Lorne Wagman. Jan. 18-Feb. 8. 179 John St. 595-0770.

Jane Corkin Gallery: Herb Ritts, photography. Through January. 179 John St. 979-1980.

Joseph D. Carrier Art Gallery: *European Printed Board Games, 17th-19th Century.* Jan. 16-Feb. 18. In Columbus Centre, 901 Lawrence Ave. W. at Dufferin. 789-7011.

Justina M. Barnicke Gallery: Francine Fortier Moher, *Moments in the Sun*, a human landscape, paintings and works on paper. West Gallery. Sadashi Inuzuka, *Bug Dream*, sculptural paintings in clay. Jan. 2-27. East Gallery. Hart House, University of Toronto. 978-2453.

Koffler Gallery: Stacey Spiegel, current sculptural work, an installation dealing with the environment and the association between science and nature. Main Gallery. Hagit Cohen, *Hovering at a Low Altitude*, computer generated images. Loggia Gallery. Both Jan. 15-Feb. 25. At 4588 Bathurst St. 636-2145.

Leo Kamen Gallery: Group show by gallery artists. To Jan. 15. Sculpture, Alex Magrini, Claude Hamelin, Murray MacDonald, Robert Saucier. Jan. 19-Feb. 10. At 80 Spadina Ave. Suite 406. 365-9515.

Market Gallery: *Toronto Does Her Bit: The Homefront During Two World Wars*, photographs, paintings, documents and artifacts. Until Feb. 24. In the South St. Lawrence Market, 95 Front St. E. 392-7604.

The McMichael Canadian Collection: *Winterfest of Art and Craft.* To Jan. 6. *John Clarke: A Tribute*, a retrospective of paintings and works on paper from 1978-89. Until Feb. 24. W.J. Wood, selected works from this contemporary of Tom Thomson and lifetime associate of several Group of Seven artists. Jan. 20-April 7. Islington Ave. Kleinburg. 893-1121.

Mira Godard Gallery: *Street Scenes*, includes works by Lawren Harris, David Milne, Chris Temple, Medric MacPhee, Clark McDougall. Jan. 12-30. At 22 Hazelton Ave. 964-8197.

Neo Faber Gallery: Jonathan Levin, recent paintings. To Jan. 12. Kevin Lockau, glass and multi-media sculpture. Opens Jan. 19. At 80 Spadina Ave. Suite 305. Phone 760-7532.

The Original Gallery: Carm Casuccio, watercolors; Barrie Faulkner, bronze sculpture; Ian Kochberg, embossed serigraphs (musical scores); Elliot Sylman, photography; Frank Van Oort, copper etching; Gerard Schwartz, soapstone carving. 8100 Yonge St. (around the corner) in Thornhill. 764-3388.

Quan Schieder Gallery: Group show, gallery artists. Through January. 89 Scollard St. 968-7822.

Robarts Library, University of Toronto: Paintings by Vietnamese-born Nguyen-Tai. Jan. 7-30. In the main display area of the library. 130 St. George St. 978-2367.

Robert McLaughlin Gallery: *William Ronald: Colleagues and Heirs:* explores the influence of Painters Eleven artist William Ronald on his contemporaries and younger Canadian artists. To Jan. 27. *The Beat: Paintings by Garfield Ferguson.* Jan. 10-Feb. 24. *Painters Eleven*, a noted abstract experimental group from 1953-1960. Jan. 10-Feb. 24 and Feb. 28-March 31. *Round Earth: Imagined Corners*, recent drawings and paintings by Janet Read. Jan. 17-Feb. 24. Oshawa Civic Centre, Oshawa. (416) 576-3000.

Royal Ontario Museum (ROM): *Wildlife Images in Paintings and Sculpture*, a striking exhibition by George McLean and Bob Kuhn. Continues until March 24. At 100 Queen's Park. 586-5858.

Sandra Ainsley Gallery: Gallery artists (glass), Jon Kuhn, Richard Ritter, Dale Chihuly. Through January. Exchange Tower 2. First Canadian Place (Adelaide and York). 362-4480.

Ydessa Hendeles Art Foundation: Craigie Horsfield, large format black and white photography, continues in January. Diane Arbus, photography, Louise Bourgeois, sculpture. Jan. 12 - indefinite run. 778 King St. W. 941-9400.

Jewish press in Canada examined in new volume

Books

By
BERNARD BASKIN

A Century of the Canadian Jewish Press 1880-1980, by Lewis Levendel (Borealis Press, $39.95).

Who owns the Canadian Jewish press? Most Jewish newspapers and periodicals in North America are directly owned or subsidized by national Jewish organizations or local community federations.

These groups, willy-nilly, control the major communal channels of communication. This economic support, often massive and life sustaining, engenders editorial timidity and an understandable reluctance to criticize the powerful or rock the establishment boat.

This is one of the prime revelations of this readable, informative, well-researched survey of the Canadian Jewish press of over the past 100 years. The author, from 1971 to 1978, served as assistant and later associate editor of The Canadian Jewish News.

He writes: "Over the years the North American Jewish press has been constantly criticized by journalists, community leaders, clergy and other readers for an overemphasis on social news, unreliable news agency copy, organizational handouts and photos of fund-raising dinner honorees.

"With the exception of a handful of quality papers and some first-rate periodicals, controversy has been generally avoided. The first commandment of a majority of North American Jewish journals has been, 'Thou shalt not wash thy dirty linen in public.' "

During the '70s and '80s, Jewish periodicals in Canada had to deal with such controversial and divisive issues as changing times in Quebec, the trials of Ernst Zundel and Jim Keegstra, the Arab boycott in Canada and the election promise by the Conservative party in 1979 to recognize Jerusalem as Israel's capital.

Not unexpectedly, the Jewish press produced many colorful and memorable characters. Among them were Sophie Wollock who edited The Suburban, Montreal's outspoken, widely-read and opinionated weekly; M.J. Nuremberger, maverick and independent journalist, exponent of Likud politics and religious orthodoxy, who founded The Canadian Jewish News and then fought it tooth and nail when it became a subsidized rival to his own publication; Julius Hayman, who for over half a century persisted in publishing Toronto's Jewish Standard in good and bad times, and J. B. Salsberg, "a legendary Jewish communal figure," who became a popular wide-ranging columnist for The Canadian Jewish News.

Levendel's perceptive analysis deals with publications in all major Canadian cities and with the numerous English, Yiddish and Hebrew publications that had their times of influence — and even glory — before their demise.

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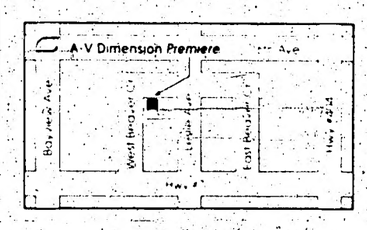

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Business Outlook

Catering firm's grant helped it sizzle

Gov't. plans help launch ventures

By
STEPHANIE CHAPMAN

David Mintz (left) and David Joffin of By Davids' have benefited from an Ontario entrepreneurial grant.

TORONTO —

The stories recounting how hard it was for older generations to go to school or make a living are legendary.

Undoubtably, times were tougher then. Today, students no longer have to make that five-mile trek (nor an eight-kilometre jaunt) to school while wearing worn footwear. As well, most children do not have to complete several hours of chores before eating breakfast.

Times have changed. And this change is evident in the type of businesses being founded today by small-scale entrepreneurs. These newer types of ventures — everything from computer processing labs to catering companies — require larger amounts of start-up capital funds, than, say, would a lemonade stand or newspaper route.

Two provincial government programs, Student Venture Capital and Youth Venture Capital, are designed to guide a potential business into the marketplace. They are both administered by the Royal Bank.

Patricia Hamilton, coordinator of the Youth Start-Up Capital, said applicants must research and submit a business plan and a sample cash-flow forecast. Also, a feasibility study must outline how and why the company will operate successfully.

The application is then assessed by a Royal Bank manager, and if improvements are needed, it is forwarded to the provincial Ministry of Industry Trade and Development for further assessment.

Once approved, the funds must be spent within six weeks of receipt.

The loan is interest-free for the first 12 months — the government handles the interest payments. During the 13th month, applicants must arrange a pay-back plan including interest — the prime lending rate plus one per cent.

Applicants' success recorded

Applicants are in constant contact with the ministry, as the growth of the business is assessed on an ongoing basis.

The programs themselves have been available for many years. The Youth Venture Capital program has been established for seven years, while the Student Venture Capital plan has been in operation for 17 years.

By Davids', a catering company owned by David Joffin and David Mintz, is a prime example of the Youth Venture Capital program's success.

Mintz, 27, and Joffin, 28, said that once they decided to form the company, they investigated what types of loans were available.

They explained that once they met specific criteria, the process of obtaining a loan was fairly simple.

They qualified, and received the maximum $7,500 loan in December 1987.

The pair took over an old bicycle repair shop in Scarborough, cleaned the place to health specifications, and started simply with small jobs.

Although the loan helped to a great extent, both Mintz and Joffin had to pay their dues.

"Trying to save money everywhere we could, we did all our dishes, all our jobs by hand, did all the cooking and serving ourselves," Joffin said.

"When we needed additional staff, which was when our background came into play, we could get part-time people whom we knew and could trust.

"This is the key in the success of our business — the type of people we get to do our jobs," he said.

"Outgoing. Young. People who know what they're talking about as far as food and service goes."

Both men had solid training in the food industry.

Upon his arrival in Canada 13 years ago from his native South Africa, Joffin worked part-time in the restaurant business.

As well, during his four summers at Camp Ramah, he was promoted from kitchen helper to manager.

Upon leaving school, Joffin was hired by The Keg Restaurant. Although his plans always included furthering his studies with a formal education, he said the hands-on training he received working there proved just as valuable. He advanced from cook to food manager to the general manager of restaurants to the area of food supervisor in charge of seven Keg locations.

"The reason I left was to do something different on my own. That's where David and I sort of ran parallel. We were both at the camp together. He decided to go to school while I worked," he said.

Mintz attended the University of Guelph, studying Hotel and Food Administration. During his summer vacations, he worked for Joffin at whatever restaurant he was managing.

Upon graduation, Mintz joined the Toronto-based accounting firm, Laventhol and Horwath. Unfortunately, he didn't find this work satisfying. It was simply a different type of employment.

Year-end figures impressive

"I have always wanted to reap the rewards of my own hard work. Basically, I wanted to build something from nothing. Right now, I am more demanding of myself than I ever have been in my life."

Both men agreed that much of their success can be attributed to luck. With a friend's help, the caterers were able to specialize in the entertainment industry and corporate world.

Mintz said that about 75 per cent of their revenue is from catering to television casts, major movie productions, commercials and special shows like the Juno Awards. Some of the bigger corporations with which the two have dealt are Nygard International, the Bank of Hong Kong and Estee Lauder.

Recognizing the difficulty in establishing a company in such a competitive industry, the partners said spending the loan on an advertising campaign would have been a waste as the key to success in this food industry is word-of-mouth.

Hamilton said the ministry has asked the government to raise the maximum amount of both loans.

She added the number of successful companies founded with funds from these programs is quite high. Directly related to that rate is the number of people who pay back the loan. She said that more than 85 per cent of the applicants repay the funds.

Repayment of the loan did not present a problem to Joffin or Mintz. However, their efforts to establish additional financial aid did pose some difficulties.

The two caterers approached several lending institutions when they made the decision to purchase what now is Billy Barroo's, a club/restaurant located at 1520 Steeles Ave. W.

Joffin said it seemed ironic that with little or no assets, the two received the maximum amount of funds from Youth Venture Capital, but when they had a balance sheet of five figures, there was no capital to be had for further expansion.

Mintz explained that at that point in time, the government had found that certain businesses within the restaurant industry were borrowing funds to finance strip clubs. Once this fact was uncovered, the director of the Federal Business Development Bank (FBDB) was advised not to deal with anyone in the industry, Mintz said.

Other lending institutions require applicants to have assets. Mintz said that besides the new business they had acquired, neither had a house nor anything else that would be considered collateral.

"I want to make it clear that we have no negative feelings towards the Youth Venture Capital program. As a general comment, I would think that the bank had no time for small business," Mintz said.

"Our biggest mistake was that we counted on past performance standing us in good stead. It's very frustrating to us because we're young guys who could have chosen to go to work in another job, and like our peers, make good money. But, we chose to go into business for ourselves and for three years of our lives at 80 to 90 hours a week."

Joffin added: "We're reaping the rewards now, but we have between the restaurant and the catering, 40 to 50 people on the pay-

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Everything from glass animals to pottery available

Artisans display crafts outside Tel Aviv marketplace

By
HELEN KAYE

TEL AVIV (JPFS) — Arts and crafts for sale and a larger than usual spread of sunshades stretch along Tel Aviv's Nahalat Binyamin mall every Tuesday and Friday.

Some of the artist peddlers who come on Tuesday don't come Friday, and vice versa. Many come both days, like glass animal-maker Naftali Hazon.

There are always people crowded around his tables watching as he turns coloured glass rods into swans, or dogs, or deer with fragile, branching antlers.

Hazon is one of those who's been coming regularly ever since the crafts fair started two years ago in an attempt to lure more buyers to the mall. These days, if any more buyers come Fridays, they'll have to close the street down.

That's when the potters come, some professional, some amateur, lugging heaps of cardboard boxes with plates, and jugs, and mugs and all manner of pots carefully wrapped against breakage in old newspapers.

That's when the many restaurant tables under their sunshades are all occupied. The waitresses run with crowded trays, and the sellers don't have even a minute to read as the eager, the curious, the browsers, and the kibbitzers look at and exclaim over, and buy from the close packed displays.

Or they gather around the harp-player who sings and plays the songs of Central America, or the clown deftly bending skinny balloons into animal shapes and playing with the children.

The restaurants — there seems to be a new one every week — compete for outdoor table space with the dollies piled high with bolts of fabric rolling from the wholesale textile emporia that still make up most of the old street's trade, especially on its lower reaches after Montefiore Street where the mall ends.

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But the restaurant tables under their sunshades are nearly empty at this hour of a not-Friday hot Tel Aviv summer afternoon. Young women with their babies sit with friends over bottled water, thirsty tourists in white hats down orange juice, comfortable European ladies drink iced coffee and whipped cream with their sensible salads.

More sunshades shelter the mostly young peddlers sitting beside their unfolded portable counters on folding chairs, or the slatted benches the municipality has sited all along the mall. Some are taking advantage of the afternoon lull too, to munch on fruit or a sandwich and drink instant coffee from thermos bottles.

Some draw, some embroider, some twist silver wire into earrings, some read and some are actually selling or answering questions about their wares and about themselves. There are those, especially the jewellers, who've proudly tacked an already yellowing newsclip to the black velvet of their trays.

Jewelry predominates, from wonderful schock to pretty and sometimes intriguing silver and gold pieces by young art school graduates or self-taught artists. But all kinds come.

Today there's a young woman from the Black Hebrews of Dimona with photographs of the tightly braided hair the blacks call corn-rows tacked onto a corkboard.

"What would it cost me to braid my hair like that?" asks a striking girl with a tumble of black hair, pointing at one of the pictures.

"Thirty-five shekels," comes the response in an American-South accented Hebrew. Like Aesop's grouchy fox and his sour grapes, the girl turns away.

"It's probably not good for the hair."

Sunday artists hopefully hang their enthusiastic watercolours or oils on pegboards. A woodcarver has invented an ingenious raffle to promote the sale of his work.

"If you guess the number I have in this drawer, you get the cabinet," he tells a couple of mini-skirted girls. They look at one another, and at the oddly shaped carved cabinet. "Seven," one hazards.

The artist opens the drawer and 12 comes out in green marker on a yellow card.

Liat is new to the crafts fair and her almost miniaturist watercolors are as gay as butterflies and as delicate.

"Just look at these bottles," exclaims an unmistakable South African voice. Hatted, cheerful, the mother exclaims, "Oh no, we're not tourists, we're new immigrants. We've been here 2½ years."

Under the battered awning of a notions store, Carole, a French art student attending summer school at Tel Aviv University, is drawing what used to be a prestige residence when Nahalat Binyamin and nearby Herzl Street were the centre of the new, proud little Tel Aviv.

Perhaps one day someone will start paying more attention to the once beautiful old buildings on the street and restore the wonderful fretwork of the wrought-iron balconies, and the copper tiles on the cupolas of the building on the corner of Rambam, and the small miracle of an unbroken, green, art deco, palm-tree window on the building Carole is drawing.

But that's for a cooler time. Meantime, we're going to have a lemonade and watch the world slow down a bit on this hot Tel Aviv summer afternoon.

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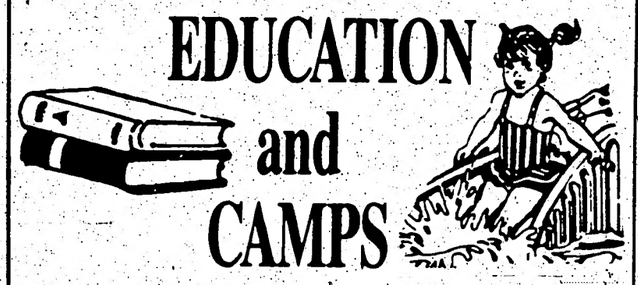
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In defence of the programs and other lending institutions, Hamilton said that there is plenty of money still available for expansion. For example, the Business Improvement Loan can lend up to $100,000 and other funds can be obtained through either a regular bank or the FBDB.

Looking down the road, the two would like to see Billy Barroo's franchised.

"I like this business, and I want to stay in the industry. From a personal standpoint, at 35, I don't want to be at the same level as I am now. I'd like to reach a more administrative level and hold down the hours that are more conducive to family life," Mintz said.

The one point that Joffin stressed was that owners of new businesses should spend money on professional advice.

"Don't scrimp on accounting or legal services because with one swipe, someone could clear your table before you're ready."

Travel

Skiing isn't all downhill

Swiss slopes draw sports buffs

By
JAMES MONTAGNES

Ski touring in Jotunheimen, Norway's famous "Home of the Giants". View of the Skagastol peaks. [Photo from Norwegian National Tourist Office]

GENEVA —

For just over a century Switzerland's mountains have attracted skiers and other winter sports enthusiasts from all over the world. Canadians and other North Americans have come because of the usually consistent snow, the many ski lifts and the reasonably priced accommodations in small, cosy resort communities.

Now St. Moritz, Gstaad, Davos and Zermatt are famous everywhere as outstanding ski resorts. There is skiing till mid-April at most resorts and at those with the latest in cable cars you can ski even into May and June on mountain slopes with deep snow.

Switzerland has over 200 licensed ski schools with some 4,000 multilingual ski instructors for young and mature skiers. There are some 1,800 different ski lifts, many of them available on lift tickets which can be used at various resorts.

Not only is downhill skiing popular, but good cross-country ski trails can be found throughout the country where snow-capped mountains are absent.

Skiing is the major sport in the Austrian Tyrol region, which has over 1,170 cableways and ski lifts. Throughout the region are small, modern, balconied and comfortable hotels, some with indoor swimming pools, saunas and fitness facilities, at some of the resorts are skating rinks and toboggan runs. Prices range from moderate to expensive, with accommodations accordingly.

There are now also good ski resorts in nearby countries, Germany, Czechoslovakia and Yugoslavia, for those who want to try out new regions. In many sections of these countries are modern small ski resorts for both downhill and cross-country skiing. Highest peaks in Czechoslovakia are in the region bordering Poland, the Tatras Mountains.

There is skiing near such famous health spas as Karlovy Vary (formerly Carlsbad) and Marianska Lazne (formerly Marienbad).

In southeastern France are the French Alps with many small ski communities, such as Courchevel, not far from Mont Blanc, Europe's tallest mountain. In this area are a growing number of ski lifts and there is plenty of snow.

On one trip there some time ago, I recall walking in the town between two six-foot walls of white snow. This is a region of downhill skiing, with a number of ski jumps as well as a luge or bobsled run.

This is an area where skiers train for winter Olympic events, where there are many ski schools, and the area is now so popular with skiers that Courchevel has its own airport for commuter planes.

Skiing is a major sport in Norway, though this is not so well known in Canada. Skiing was in use here, as legend reports, for some 4,000 years, and there are rock carvings 2,500 years old showing use of skis. Skiing was brought to North America in the mid-19th century by Norwegian immigrants.

Lillehammer, some 180 kilometres (108 miles) north of Norway's capital city of Oslo, will be the site of the 1994 Winter Olympics. Skiers this winter can already try out some of the new facilities being built for this event.

At Lillehammer and its environs are some 250 miles (400 km) of cross-country ski trails, many of which are floodlit for night skiing, and numerous downhill slopes.

New trails have been built in the past few years in readiness for the 1994 Olympics, and downhill drops of almost 3,000 feet (850 metres) are on the new trails. New ski jumps are being constructed, as well as facilities for luge, bobsled and hockey competitions.

Skiing in Norway is almost everywhere in the southern part of the country, including its capital city. Access is by road and railway to Alpine ski terrains as well as cross-country trails.

There are ski festivals at various locations all winter till mid-April and ski races such as the hut-to-hut events of the Norwegian Mountain Touring Club.

There is good skiing in northern Norway as well from Trondheim to well above the Arctic Circle at such places as Tromen and Narvik, a mountainous region along the Norwegian Sea. Some have ski lifts and winter camping facilities.

There are chalets all over the country for the skiing visitor as well as small hotels and luxury hotels in the major cities. Special ski and accommodation packages are available.

For all European ski areas a number of airlines and tour operators this year have arranged special package rates from Toronto, which include accommodations, most meals, lift tickets and other items, and return airfare, which start at about $1,200 and range to over $2,000, depending on distance and facilities, for one or two week ski vacations.

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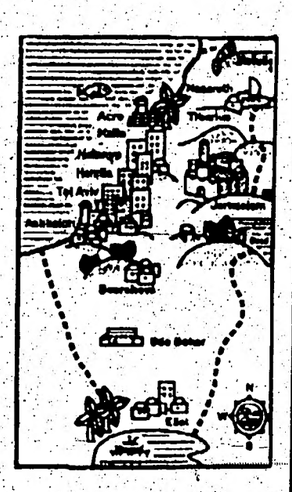

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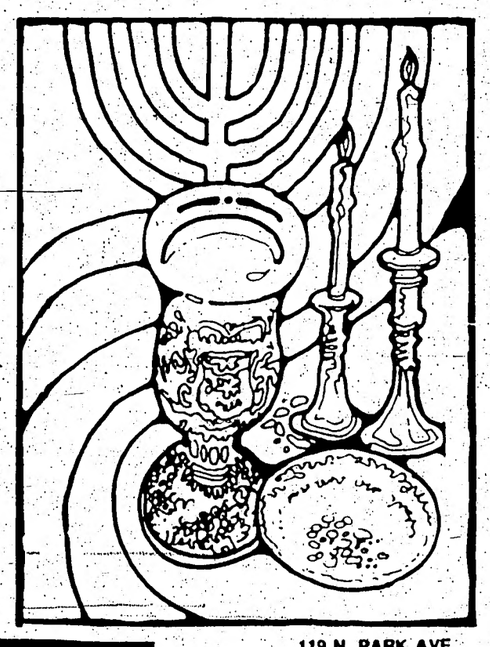

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Only a few flowering plants are native to Bermuda but many have been naturalized over the 378 years of the island's history, so flowers and shrubs originating from Asia, Europe, Australia and North and South America all coexist, creating an unusual blend of color and foliage.

Bermuda, the oldest of Britain's self-governing colonies maintains the traditions of the English garden: an abundance of flowers, trees and shrubs arranged to produce a natural effect and a variety of heights, colors and textures.

Since many of the plants that thrive on the island are equally at home in a harsher climate, favorite Bermudian gardening ideas can be recreated in Canada.

One of the highlights of a visit to Bermuda is the Bermuda Botanical Gardens. The Gardens' 38 acres feature thousands of plant species, many of which flower from November through March. One special example is the night-blooming Bermuda Evening Stock, which makes its first appearance of the season in January.

Many of Bermuda's grand old mansions and estates are surrounded by magnificent gardens and landscaping. Verdmont, a 17th century estate, is now a museum set on 2½ acres of land which include gardens and ornamental trees.

The Bermuda Garden club has been arranging tours of Bermuda's private houses and gardens since 1949. The Club's most recent tour featured 20 houses and gardens located all over the island.

These prominent gardens are only a prelude to the profusion of smaller pleasures to be found all over Bermuda. The streets of Hamilton and St. George's reveal church gardens, small public parks and groups of ornamental trees, and most of Bermuda's hotels and resorts also have beautifully landscaped settings.

Bermuda preserves many acres of marshland and nature reserves which offer an opportunity to see the island's colorful flora in a natural setting, including a former railroad right-of-way that is now a linear national park.

For additional information on Bermuda's gardens, write to Lisa Green, Department of Agriculture, Fisheries and Parks, P.O. Box Hm 834, Hamilton HM CX, Bermuda.

Germany's situation affects federal states

TORONTO — As a result of Germany's reunification on Oct. 3, the German National Tourist Office (GNTO) now represents 16 German federal states, called "Lander."

The GNTO is including in its mandate the five states of the former German Democratic Republic: Brandenburg, Mecklenburg-Lower Pomerania, Saxony, Saxony-Anhalt and Thuringia. In addition, the city state of Berlin now comprises the 23 districts of East and West Berlin combined.

New information material is in preparation and will soon be available from GNTO's Toronto office.

Canadians planning to travel to these five German regions should bear in mind that their infrastructure cannot change overnight and that standards are different from those in the rest of the country.

At present, the GNTO recommends to take advantage of the many well-organized package tours offered by a number of established and reputable Canadian tour operators and travel agencies. Their itineraries include the major historic and cultural sites as well as tours through north-eastern Germany's most scenic landscapes.

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Museum takes off

JERUSALEM (JPFS) — The Air Force Museum, near Beersheba, opened this week with 75 aircraft on display. They include former Air Force head Ezer Weizman's "Black Spitfire," the Boeing used in the Entebbe rescue and the IAF's first warplane, a Messerschmidt.

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145 Cottingham, E of Avenue Rd, 3 stry. P. of Sale. Pd over $600K. Renov. 5 bdrms, 2 frplcs. Parking. Vacant. Deborah Waddell.

Rosedale, 25 Walker, subway 1 blk. 2 stry semi, 4 bdrm, F.A. gas, hdwd flrs thru-out. A doll house! Owned 42 years. Spring closing. Doris Nicol.

Cabbagetown, cent air, hdwd flrs, fam rm, 2 car pkg, locked gate, full security, Sumach nr. park. 2 stry det, Jacuzzi. $349,000. Deborah Waddell.

NORTH
57 Eunice, Bayview/Sheppard, Custom 9 yr old home, 5,000 sq. ft, 3 levels, 4+1 bdrm, 4 baths, 2 frplcs, maids suite. $629,000. Boone Say.

Cricket Club, N. of Wilson, $399K, 4 bdrms, 3 baths, fin'd bsmt, large family kitchen, 58'x127', cul-de-sac. Doris Nicol.

WEST
Showplace/Princess Anne Manor. Spectacular lot, 50'x150'. Custom split level, 2 firepls, 4 bdrms, 3 baths, dble gar. $549K. Deborah Waddell.

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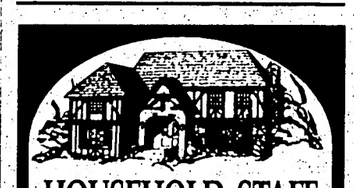

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Students hear survivor's experience

By
FRANCES KRAFT

TORONTO —

"Just imagine," Hebrew teacher Nava Volach told her Grade 13 Hebrew students before they heard Holocaust survivor Nachemia Wurman speak about his wartime experiences. "He was about your age then."

Wurman visited Volach's class at North York's William Lyon Mackenzie Collegiate Institute as part of a six-week unit on the Holocaust that Volach recently instituted and taught as part of the Grade 13 Hebrew curriculum.

Wurman's story rivals fiction (in fact, he wrote a book on his experience): his escape from a Nazi labor camp; fighting with the partisans; posing as a non-Jew in the German army; and his poignant reunion with his sister, whose life he had saved thanks to an incredible coincidence when he was in German uniform.

The students were quiet during Wurman's speech, which was entirely in Hebrew, but they peppered him with hard-hitting questions afterward, starting with why he lives here and not in Israel, after all he's been through.

Wurman made no apologies, having lived in Israel for 20 years before he emigrated to Canada and having fought in three wars there. He told the students pointblank that if there had been an Israel, the Holocaust would never have happened.

Interestingly, most of the students in the class are Israelis, many of whom have been in Canada about four years. Volach, a Sabra who has been here for three years, says that the purpose of the course is to teach the Hebrew language, but she also emphasizes skills such as essay-writing, the "high school skills" that some of her students missed out on when they were adjusting to a new country and a second language.

Volach thought the subject of the Holocaust would be an approriate one for her students for a number of reasons. She felt it would unite them and help build their Jewish identity. She wanted to get them thinking (and talking and writing), and she did.

Volach's 80-minute class meets five mornings a week. The Holocaust unit began, appropriately, on the anniversary of Kristallnacht, Nov. 9, during Holocaust Education Week.

In addition to hearing Wurman's talk, the class visited the Holocaust Memorial at the Lipa Green Building; saw the film *Genocide* which was prepared by the Simon Wiesenthal Center and heard a report from the students who had participated in March of the Living, a student trip to Holocaust sites in Poland, followed by time in Israel.

Although the Grade 13 students had previous knowledge of the Holocaust, this intensive unit both shocked and moved them. "I thought I had learned everything about the Holocaust," one Israeli-born student told The CJN.

Volach wondered whether Wurman had really "touched" the students, because he related his experiences with almost no visible emotion. His composure was threatened only once when his voice broke recalling the other 29 people who had escaped from the labor camp with him. Of the group, he was the only survivor.

Guy Dagan, 16, an Israeli whose grandmother survived the Holocaust but doesn't talk about it, liked the fact that Wurman was so composed. "I learned a lot. I connected what he said with what we saw in the movies." He mentioned, as did some of the other students, that he was most affected by the horrific pictures he saw on screen.

Genocide was the first film (about the Holocaust) that had an impact on Amy Naftolin, 17. "It really got to me."

Rebecca Kellerstein, 17, said that both her grandfathers were the only survivors of large families. "This is how they (the families) died," Kellerstein recalls thinking when she saw the movie. "I'd never really imagined what the Nazis did. It really bothered me. I was very upset."

Avi Versanov, 15, experienced anti-Semitism part way through the Holocaust unit, when he was visiting an aunt in Port Hope. Some pre-teens were taunting and swearing at his younger brother, and he went over to talk to them. He also talked to one boy's parents, who downplayed the incident. For Versanov, it painfully reinforced his new resolve that "this should not happen again."

The Holocaust unit "will always make us more aware of things," said Tzvia Segel, 16.

Kellerstein has never experienced anti-Semitism. She attended Associated Hebrew Schools and CHAT before Mackenzie, and grew up in "a sheltered environment." A recent comment by a non-Jewish friend, however, shocked her when she realized how little some people know about the Holocaust. She was asked, "The Holocaust — isn't that where Hitler killed a lot of people?"

When Michael Hamuy, 17, an Israeli who has been here a year (his mother is Canadian-born), saw what the Nazis did to the Jewish people, it made him realize that racism is wrong. He thinks of the current situation in the Middle East and firmly believes that the most important goal is to attain peace, "at any cost."

That comment sparked a heated discussion among some of the Israeli students, who switched from English to Hebrew to debate the current situation in Israel, and whether they even had choices when it came to the Arab situation. "The Arabs want to kill us," said Dagan. "You can say I'm prejudiced, but in Israel it's a struggle to live or die."

"The fact that they are thinking about the problem is valuable," said Volach. "Try to think of the best practical solution," she told them.

Lt. Col. Meir Rottem (left) presents a certificate of appreciation to Dorothy and Ed Abrams.

Lauded for funding project

Bar-Ilan Friends honor Ambramses

By
LEILA SPEISMAN

TORONTO —

Ed and Dorothy Abrams were recently presented with a certificate of appreciation for their efforts on behalf of Canadian Friends of Bar-Ilan University.

The presentation was made by Lt. Col. Meir Rottem, Israel emissary to Canada for the university.

The Abrams made a significant contribution to set up a research project in the Marilyn Finkler Cancer Research Center of Bar-Ilan University in Ramat Gan.

Rottem praised Ed Abrams as "a charitable person, always thinking about others in need."

Rottem said that Abrams' policy of hiring the handicapped, for which he received a "Man of the Year" award from the Lieutenant-Governor of Ontario, "allowed them to earn their own money and work with pride and dignity."

Abrams' wife Dorothy, said Rottem, enthusiastically supports and encourages him in his charitable endeavors.

Health card protection is introduced

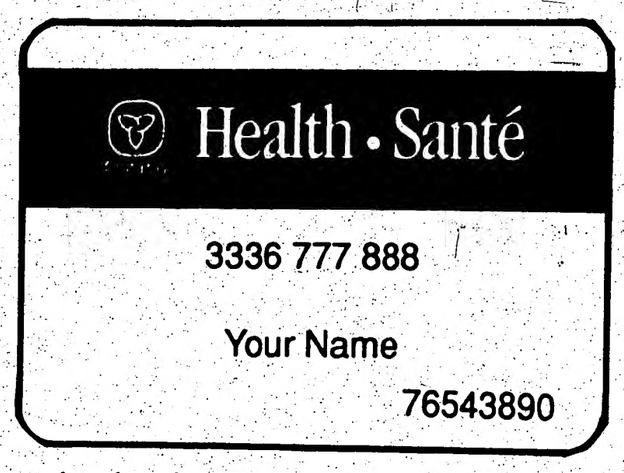
TORONTO — Health Minister Evelyn Gigantes has introduced a bill to prevent unauthorized use of health card numbers.

Since the introduction of Ontario's new health card, concerns have been expressed that it could be used for purposes other than the delivery of health-related services.

"The right to individual privacy and the confidentiality of health information is far more important than the convenience to businesses and other organizations of having yet another way to establish the identity of individuals," Gigantes said.

"We intend to protect the confidentiality of the information associated with the provision of health services. The abuse of the federal social insurance number since its inception is well-known."

The new legislation prohibits individuals, businesses and organizations from requiring people to show their health card as a condition of providing goods and services. It will also prohibit the collection or use of health numbers to obtain information for data banks, credit checking, and mass mailing.



Individuals who contravene the legislation will face fines of up to $5,000 and six months in jail. For corporations, the maximum fine will be $25,000.

Only providers of health care services and the Ministry of Health can use the health card numbers or require people to show the card.

The legislation was drafted with the advice of privacy rights advocates, Gigantes said.

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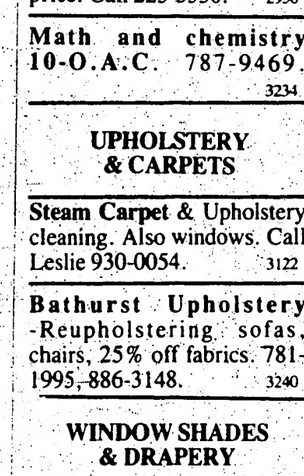

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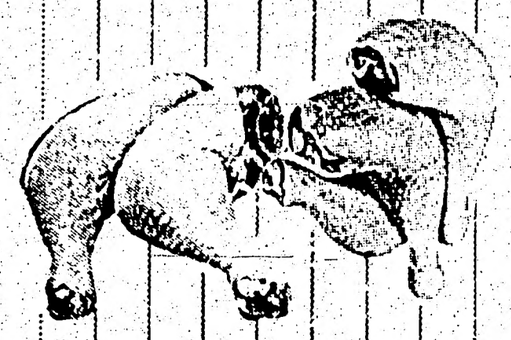
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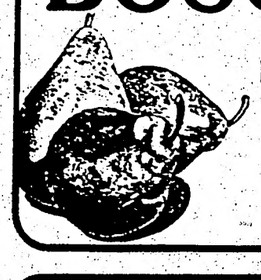
Product of Ont.
Canada Grade A Beef
RIB STEAKS
Cap off

3.99 lb./ 8.80 kg.

Product of Ont. #1 Grade
BOSC PEARS
Limit 5 lbs. Per Family

large size
.99 lb./ 2.18 kg.

Sun Pac
Pure
APPLE JUICE
48 oz. tin
.99 tin

Product of Ontario, **Fresh**
Choice
VEAL SHOULDERS
1.99 lb./ 4.39 kg.

Freshly Sliced at the Deli
Maple Leaf
PASTRAMI EYE
4.49 lb./ 9.90 kg.

Perl's
Glatt Kosher
LEAN GROUND BEEF
5.40 lb./ 11.88 kg.

Streit's
EGG NOODLES
375 gr. pkg
1.19 pkg.

Streit's
Dry
SOUP MIX
6 oz. pkg.
.89 pkg.

Anderson
PRETZELS
Salted & Unsalted
14 oz. box
.99 box

Product of U.S.A. Washington, Extra Fancy
Red or Golden Delicious
APPLES
large size

.99 lb./ 2.18 kg.

Product of U.S.A.
California #1 Grade **Fresh**
CELERY
large size
.99 stalk

Kraft
MIRACLE WHIP
reg & light
500 gr. jar
1.99 jar

Libby's
BEANS in Tomato Sauce
PASTA in Tomato Sauce
14 oz. tin
.79 tin

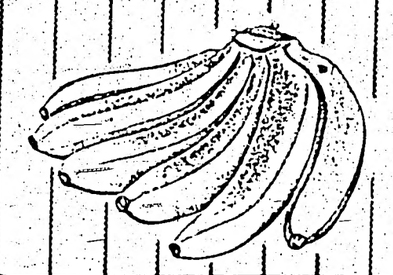
Unico
TOMATO PASTE
5.5 oz. tin.
5/1.99

Unico
BEANS
Ass't varieties
19 oz. tin
.69 tin

York Frozen
VEGETABLES
Peas, corn & mixed
1 kg. bag
2.49 bag

Maxwell House
INSTANT COFFEE
200 gr. jar
4.99 jar

Unico
SUNFLOWER OIL
Limit 3 Jugs Per Family
3.99 3 lt. jug

From the Tropics
BANANAS
Limit 5 lbs. Per Family

.29 lb.,/ .64 kg.

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